

All Saints' Church Thornton Hough

The Magazine



December 2019 - January 2020



Parish and Community Events

Village Hall Events

Animal Shoebox Appeal drop off

Friday 29th November 10-2pm

Autism Together Christmas Fair

(opening times TBC) Sunday 1st December

Christmas Craft Fair 12-4pm

Sunday 8th December.

Wirral Men's Breakfast

at Thornton Hall Hotel

On Saturday 7th December

at 8.00am

with Guest Speaker

"Mike Brickley"

Former CEO Silicon Valley

Further details from

Charles Elphick on 336 4823

Advent and Christmas

Services at All Saints' Church

Advent Carol Service

Sunday 1st December at 10.30am

Christingle Service

Sunday 15th December at 4.00pm

Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday 22nd December at 6.30pm

Christmas Eve Holy Communion

December 24th at 11.00pm

Christmas Day Holy Communion

Wednesday 25th December at
10.30am

*Further Details can be found on Page
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All Saints' Church Thornton Hough

2020 Calendar

Last Few On Sale £5

At the Village Hall and from

members of the Church



A letter from the Vicar

Slow Christmas?

The rush to create the “perfect” Christmas has grown like a tide through clever advertising. Christmas decorations and gifts have been on sale in the shops since the start of October. Tensions can grow as invitations to events and plans to accommodate guests or make travel arrangements vie for attention.



Has that affected you?

There will be additional tensions this year - or maybe another weary sigh - as our country goes to the polls on 12th December and we await announcements about a new government.

The festive season can pass by in a blur. New Year bursts upon us, and, like celebratory fireworks, is gone.

But what happens if we take Christmas slowly? The Christian calendar allows us to build up to Christmas Day itself more thoughtfully through our four-week period of Advent. Then, rather than hurriedly packing the decorations away, we can enjoy the season of Epiphany which follows, taking us all the way through January, following the journey of the wise men who came to worship the baby Jesus.

Amidst the bustle and busy-ness of this period, we can take time to savour the wonderful and unchanging message of Jesus, who came into a world every bit as full of rush and unrest as ours today, to bring us lasting peace and joy.

You are most welcome to any of our services this Christmas and throughout the year; to slow down and refresh yourselves.

“O rest beside the weary road,
and hear the angels sing.”

Wishing you a peaceful, happy, healthy and blessed Christmas and New Year.
With Love and Blessings

Vicky



Notes on the PCC meetings held on 7th October and November 4th

Eileen Roberts has been missed at the last two meetings and the PCC wished her well and hoped that it wouldn't be too long before she was feeling well enough to join us again.

Health and Safety. The PCC expressed their gratitude to Graham Seagrave for offering to take on the role of Health and Safety Officer. He was formally appointed to the role in the October meeting. Graham had responsibility for Health and Safety when he was working and is currently a governor with responsibility for Health and Safety for a local primary school, so he is very well equipped to undertake this important task.

Charitable giving. The PCC have been discussing how to distribute the £1,000 allocated in the budget to be given to charity. It was finally agreed that:

£200 should be given to

- the Church Urban Fund
- Simeon's Trustees and Hyndman's Trustees (our patron)
- The Church Missionary Society (CMS)

£150 should be given to

- the work of the Arunzullas via Crosslinks
- the work of Ian and Rosemary Benson (Missionary Training Resources)

£100 should be given to

- Age UK Wirral

The church had supported Tomorrow's Women Wirral by collecting items that they needed at the Harvest Festival. In addition, it was agreed we should give £100 to TWW. This came from the surplus from the Harvest Lunch plus £12 from the General Fund.

It was also agreed that we should advertise Charles Thompson's Mission, Birkenhead in the magazine and highlight what they will take (unwanted clothes etc.). The PCC passed a proposal that we hold a breakfast in aid of Charles Thompson's Mission before the 10:30 service one Sunday and ask people to bring goods to donate. It is hoped to do this early next year.

The proposed Christmas Fair was on the agenda in October. Rachel Brothwell had very kindly agreed to organise this, and the PCC expressed their gratitude and discussed how they could help. Hopefully this will be a great success.

New hymn books. In the November meeting the PCC passed a resolution to buy a new hymn book. At the moment it is necessary to print a large number of the hymns that we sing, on the pew sheet. This has been under consideration for some time and Iain Stinson had conducted extensive research comparing what we would gain and

what we would lose by moving to a new hymn book. In the end it was decided that the 'best fit' for All Saints is *Ancient and Modern- Hymns and Songs for Refreshing Worship*. The cost of the new books will be covered by a donation, not from existing funds.

Calendar sales have been going well and so far over £1,000 has been taken in sales and sponsorship, giving a profit of £800 once costs have been deducted. Brian Morris and Iain Stinson were thanked for all their hard work in producing the calendar. There is still plenty of time to buy your calendar for next year!

Gifts to the church. In the November meeting the PCC was told about a generous bequest that had been received from the Will of the late David Behrend. Half of the collection from Barbara Wilson's Thanksgiving Service had also been given to the church. The PCC is very grateful for these gifts.

The Fabric Team reported that they are making progress with fitting a post box in the Parish Hall, the handrail in the new graveyard is due to be replaced soon and they have been looking at new noticeboards for the front of the church, on Raby Road. Tree specialists have been inspecting the trees in both the churchyard and the new graveyard. Because no tree work has been done for some time, five trees are in need of work to keep them safe and reduce the risk of failure. This work will cost in the region of £3,000 but needs to be done. Quotes are also being obtained for repairing the rainwater goods and for filling and patching the holes in the tarmac paths around the church. Rooks are causing problems in the church tower and work on the spire is needed. The walls around the churchyard are being monitored. Keeping the church and grounds safe and in good repair is challenging work!

Three Churches Together had held a very successful coffee morning on October 19th in aid of the Wirral Food Bank. A lot of food items were donated, and Nick Jones has taken these to the foodbank. **Christmas cards** have been printed with details of the services and will be delivered to all homes in the parish before the beginning of December.

There are now 100 names on the **Electoral Roll**. You can still add your name if you haven't already done so. Please speak to Vicky or the churchwardens.

Advent and Christmas are rapidly approaching, and we are looking forward to welcoming people into the church to join with us in worship at this special time in the Christian year.

Sue Stinson
PCC Secretary

The new hymn book

All Saints is to replace its current hymn book, Common Praise (CP) with a new book at the end of January 2020. The new hymn book is called *Ancient & Modern: HYMNS and SONGS for REFRESHING WORSHIP* which is more commonly known as *the new A&M*.

CP has been used at All Saints for many years, probably replacing *Hymns for Today's Church* in the early 2000s. Hymns for Today's Church included some



more contemporary hymns and worship songs; it also made some significant changes to the words of some traditional hymns to make them more understandable. Common Praise moved back from the “modernisation” of some of the traditional language but at the expense of losing most of the worship songs. The words of the *traditional* hymns in new A&M generally appear in their traditional form.

Present usage

Common Praise (CP) is a collection of 628 hymns. Analysing the music lists for services since January 2016, we used around 362 (57%) of these hymns. We sang about 1400 hymns over the period but sang some of the 362 hymns more than once. Note this does not include carol and Passiontide *special* services.

We supplemented this collection by printing songs (and other hymns) on the pew sheet. During the same period, we sang at least 48 different items, which were not in CP, from the pew sheets. The words for these were reproduced under licences – however providing the music for the choir was (and remains) problematic.

We have been somewhat limited in our use of some of the more recent and contemporary hymns and worship songs which are now becoming more widely used in churches. Some of these are of a high standard both from the perspective of the words and the music; many of them are accessible to congregations (and choirs) and their inclusion in our services would undoubtedly enrich the worship at All Saints. However, the size of the pew sheet, the cost of some additional licences and the lack of resources for the choir were some of the more obvious constraints in singing them.

What's around

Since 2000 a wide variety of new hymn books and supplements to hymn books have been published. They cater for different types of liturgical preferences or

indeed no liturgy; some are interdenominational, and some are distinctly from the tradition of a particular denomination. Some include updated words to “traditional” hymns; most include worship songs; almost all include contemporary hymns. Some hymn books include many items which are more successful if led by a band rather than by the organ or a piano, and some, but not all, provide resources for choirs (four-part harmony, descants).

Review and recommendation

Over the last two years, I have informally reviewed a number of “new hymn books” to see if there was anything available which might help us move forward with our music at All Saints, whilst retaining access to the considerable body of hymns and worship songs we presently use. It is my view that the new Ancient and Modern hymn book offers a “good fit” for All Saints.

The PCC considered this matter at its November meeting and, with the support of the Vicar, has agreed that we replace Common Praise as our main hymn book by the new A&M. The purchase of the new A&M books is being funded by a specific donation for the hymn books and from a donation from the church choir, it will not use any of the church’s other funds.

Our new hymn book

Ancient and Modern HYMNS and SONGS for REFRESHING WORSHIP was published in 2013. The objectives of the editorial team are summarised as follows:

The guiding principles behind this new edition of A&M are:

- congregational singability
- biblical and theological richness
- musical excellence
- liturgical versatility
- relevance to today's worship styles and to today's concerns
- practical support for worship planners
- a discerning selection of new and recent hymns and songs

The new A&M includes 846 items. A comparison between the contents of CP and the contents of the new A&M shows that out of the 628 hymns in CP all except 126 (20%) are also to be found in the new A&M, we might miss about 12 of these. Of more relevance, considering the hymns sung at All Saints during the last four years, only 36 (9%) of the 362 *distinct* hymns sung from CP are not in the new A&M.

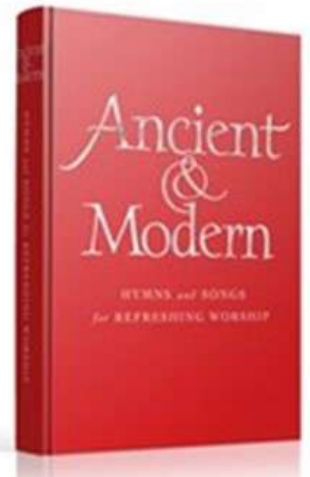
Over the last four years 41% of the *distinct* items which have been sung from the pew sheet are included in the new A&M. 60% of all the “sheet items”

(including repeats of an item) that we sang over the four years could be sung from the new A&M and would not need to be printed on the pew sheet.

This means that we can continue to enjoy the hymns we presently sing and more of them will be in the hymn book. Where a favourite item is not in the hymn book, then it will appear on the pew sheet.

New hymns and songs

The new A&M will give access to many widely used items which are not included in CP. There are many items by contemporary composers and authors including John Bell (Iona Community), Jacques Berthier (Taizé), Timothy Dudley-Smith, Bernadette Farrell, Keith & Kristyn Getty, Anne Harrison, Christopher Idle, David Iliff, Graham Kendrick, Matt Redman and Stuart Townend. Over the coming years we shall sing many of these and those we come to love will form a part of our evolving repertoire of music for worship and devotion.



The music

The hymn tunes are generally set in a reasonable key for congregational singing. Where tunes are common between CP and the new A&M the harmonies are often unchanged. The layout of the hymn tunes is rather better than the CP layout with fewer “end of lines” in the middle of a line of music. The worship songs are generally arranged to be playable on the piano or organ and guitar chords are not given in the music.

Other “things”

The books are clearly printed and well bound. They are not too heavy to hold – they weigh about the same as the CP books (Full music edition weights 1.2kg; words only edition weighs 460g). They are printed on thinner paper than CP. The font is easier to read, and although the font is fractionally smaller, the inter-line spacing is slightly larger which improves the readability. We shall also have some large print editions available for those who would find these helpful. The old CP books will be stored for possible occasional use and probably for passing on to another church in twelve months’ time.

Introduction

The new A&M will be used for the first time at the end of January 2020 and there will be a “sing-in” from the new book in February.

Iain Stinson

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in
disguise





ACF

A church fellowship for anyone from anywhere

On the **9th October** a special meeting of ACF celebrated our 30th anniversary with a talk from the Archdeacon of Chester, The Venerable Dr. Michael Gilbertson followed by a sumptuous afternoon tea.

It was lovely to have Margot Clarke with us who jointly founded our ACF group with her husband Cecil, our vicar from 1987 to 1996.

Mike talked about his work as an Archdeacon over the last 9 years, which involved a lot of travelling as he visited each of the parishes in his part of the diocese offering help and encouragement to all. He also related several amusing events from his travels including the lovely ivory mosaic effect at the entrance to one church which on closer inspection turned out to be damage from bat droppings. Another church had been adopted by a very discerning cat who would enter as the sermon was about to begin, take his place beneath the pulpit, listen for enough time to decide, then stalk out if the talk was deemed unworthy of further attention.

There was an account of a processing choir where a soprano unfortunately got the heel of her shoe stuck in the heating grating. Not wishing to hold up the procession she stepped off of the shoe and carried on. A helpful tenor picked up the shoe complete with grating and carried on followed by an unsuspecting bass who fell down the hole! You couldn't make it up could you?

There were many other incidents illustrating the dangers of having wedding rings delivered, or not, by owls.

It was an excellent meeting, the tea afterwards was superb and the whole afternoon more than did justice to an important milestone in the life of ACF.

Mike left us with some very sound advice for the future, do plenty of

“ 2 Ps - Prayer and Parties”.



On **13th November** our ACF gathering of 23 people was treated to an excellent presentation by Pastor Bernie Frost and his assistant Kevin Hogan on their work for Charles Thompson's Mission in Birkenhead.

The Mission is still run from the same building in which it was founded 126 years ago by Charles Thompson, whose vision was to show the love of Christ in practical ways to the poorest and most disadvantaged people of the surrounding area.

We were a little surprised to hear that Charles Thompson had moved to Birkenhead for his health! When he died, at the early age of 61, his daughter Annie Thompson carried on his work and she was awarded an OBE for her services to the people of Birkenhead in 1953. Pastor Bernie sees the mission as a wonderful testament to God and to the people of Wirral who support it and is also finding the help of his assistant Kevin, who only joined the Mission this year, invaluable.

As our projector failed to co-operate on an “adult presentation” we enjoyed “the children’s talk” with props from Bernie’s children’s bag which included a most realistic house brick (thankfully foam rubber) thrown at a member of the audience who may not have seemed to have been paying full attention, and a “helping hand” on the end of a dismembered arm!

The Mission is open 6 days a week and as well as Bernie and Kevin there are about 25 helpers including people who have themselves benefitted from the services as well as volunteers. It provides hot breakfasts for the homeless and free lunches for all in need- usually around 70 a day.

It also provides many essential services free including GP and nurse consultations, a dentist, a chiropodist, an optician and a barber.

In addition it holds a Christian Service once a week run by Peggy, a 99 year old lady who first came to the Mission many years ago as a child in poverty. People attend the service who would not normally consider “Church” as “for them”.

The talk generated a lot of interest among the audience and there were many questions. Bernie accepted donations of money and goods for the Mission and was thanked sincerely for a most enjoyable and worthwhile afternoon.

Forthcoming Events

Fellowship Meetings in the Parish Hall Wed 8th January at 2.15pm

Speaker: Rev. John Oldershaw on “Feathered Poetry”

Chatterbox Venue : TBA Tuesday 21st January at 2.00pm

Coffee Mornings in the Parish Hall Wednesday 22nd January at 10.30am

Everybody welcome to come and enjoy the friendly atmosphere with tea, coffee and biscuits and the usual cake stall, jams, chutneys, cards and a generous raffle.

Eileen Roberts



Christmas and Epiphany: What happens next?

You may find this poem is a helpful way of thinking about how we can respond to Christmas throughout the year.

Why not try using it as a basis for prayer this season? You may find it helpful to draw aside and reflect on how God may be calling you to be part of this “work of Christmas” in the months ahead.

**When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and the princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:**

**To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To heal the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among people,
To make music in the heart.**

Howard Thurman (1899 - 1981)

A Christmas Poem by Helen Steiner Rice

I have a list of folks I know, all written in a book
And every year when Christmas comes, I go and take a look,
And that is when I realize that these names are a part
Not of the book they are written in, but really from my heart.
For each name stands for someone who has crossed my path
sometime,
And in the meeting they've become the rhythm in each rhyme.
And while it sounds fantastic for me to make this claim,
I really feel that I'm composed of each remembered name.
And while you may not be aware of any special link
Just meeting you has changed my life a lot more than you think.
For once I've met somebody, the years cannot erase
The memory of a pleasant word or of a friendly face.
So never think my Christmas cards are just a mere routine
Of names upon a Christmas list, forgotten in between,
For when I send a Christmas card that is addressed to you,
It is because you're on the list that I'm indebted to.
For I am but a total of the many folks I've met,
And you happen to be one of those I prefer not to forget.
And whether I have known you for many years or few,
In some ways you have a part in shaping things I do.
And every year when Christmas comes, I realize anew,
The best gifts life can offer is meeting folks like you.
And may the spirit of Christmas that forever endures
Leave its richest blessings in the hearts of you and yours.

Excerpts from classified sections of city Newspapers:-

“Dog for sale: eats anything and is fond of children”

“We do not tear your clothing with machinery. We do it carefully by hand”

“Used Cars: Why go elsewhere to be cheated, come here first!”

From : A Box of Delights, J. John and Mark Stibbe, Monarch Books

A Polish Christmas through the eyes of a child

The beginning of December was a great time of preparation for the coming of the “Christ Child” – “Boze Narodzenie”. Just like all the other Polish Children, I looked forward to Christmas. In Poland as in other Catholic countries - St Nicholas Day 6th December is celebrated by present giving—small tokens and sweets. The main presents were saved for Christmas Day. The rest of December people worked hard deep cleaning their houses, shopping and wrapping presents.

Shopping was a priority especially for fish - “carp” a traditional part of Christmas Eve dinner – “Wigilia”. Mothers used to go early to the fish market to select a particular fish from a large pool. The carp was kept alive in a bath until the time came for it to be killed and made ready for cooking. I didn't like seeing it killed!

Christmas trees were carried throughout the streets to be decorated no earlier than Christmas Eve. A star was placed on top of the tree, also lights and beautiful glass baubles of different sizes, colours and designs produced in Poland and famous throughout the world. Real candles were placed on branches (a bit dangerous!). I loved to help decorate the tree. The tree was dressed in spider's web-like angel hair and underneath was always a crib which I was allowed to play with until all the tree was finished.



The Christmas Eve table was covered with the best beautiful starched linen cloth with straw placed underneath as a reminder of the stable in Bethlehem. Throughout the day people tried to fast – no meat was to be eaten only fish.

Everybody wore their best clothes but no black was allowed and when the first star appears “jtresenka”, usually about 6 o'clock, the “Wigilia” celebrations started.. There was a competition in our house to be the first to spot the star!

Everybody gathered round the table sharing “Oplatek” – a large wafer biscuit with a profile of Mary, Joseph and Jesus which was passed to each other with best wishes for everybody to have a piece. At the table there was always an extra setting for an unexpected guest.



Following this, the feast began with the 12 dishes representing the 12 disciples and everybody had to have some of each dish. Beetroot Soup (Barszcz) with “pievoszk”- little dumplings stuffed with cabbage or mushrooms. Then came a fish dish in aspic of finely chopped vegetables,

herrings in oil with bread and a main dish of fried carp with potatoes and “Bigos” - sauerkraut, with lovely fried mushrooms which tasted better the longer it was cooked. This was my favourite other than the sweet things!! To finish it all (if you had room for more!) a dessert of “compot” made of dry fruit prunes, apples, apricots, oranges, soaked in natural juices.

To crown it all - cakes! - “Makowiec” a poppyseed roll made of yeast like bread mixed with almonds and sultanas covered with icing sugar and also “piernik” – gingercakes made with honey.

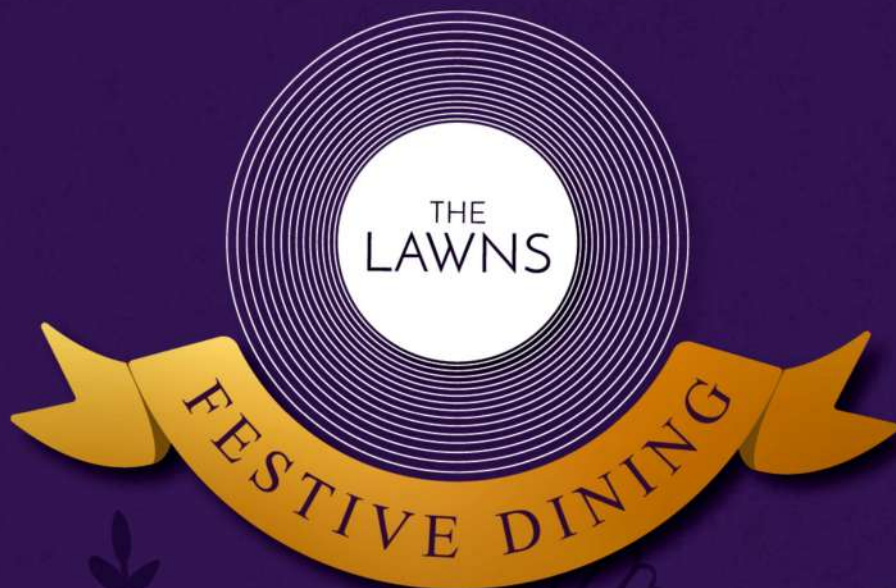
When then feast was over presents were opened which “Swiety Mikotaj” brought. Then carols were sung and everybody became very happy. The celebrations finished with going to church for the Midnight Mass. Christmas day was usually spent with family and friends exchanging more presents.

I enjoyed my childhood in Poland! - Lots of food and - lots of presents!

Bo Edwards

Breaking News

Sadly the Village Post Office has been temporarily closed until further notice. A poster has been placed on the door stating where the nearest Post Offices can be found. This is a great loss to the village as many people relied on this facility to collect their pension, allowances etc.



Our festive lunch menu can be enjoyed from 12noon until 2:30pm
From Monday to Saturday throughout December

2 course £24
3 course £29

Our Festive dinner menu is served from 6pm until 8pm From Sunday to
Friday and 6pm - 7pm on Saturday throughout December

3 course £ 29

Sunday lunch, A la carte and Tasting menus are also available throughout
December with dishes changing seasonally.



Festive Afternoon Tea

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over Christmas and enjoy a festive
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Vicky's Birthday !



The warmth and love felt for our Vicar was clearly demonstrated by the large group of All Saints' ladies who turned up to help Vicky celebrate her birthday with a meal at the Red Fox which was enjoyed by all who attended.



The evening was a total surprise for Vicky and she wanted all to know how grateful she was to have the opportunity to have so much fun, sitting and chatting and eating together. Vicky said "it was another example of the kindness and hospitality shown to me in my first 6 months in the parish and I am so grateful to Rachel for organising the evening, and to all those who were able to come and for all the cards, gifts, and good wishes I have received."

The Tyger

Tyger Tyger, burning bright,
In the forests of the night:
What immortal hand or eye .
Could frame thy fearful symmetry?

In what distant deeps or skies
Burnt the fire of thine eyes?
On what wings dare he aspire?
What the hand dare seize the fire?

And what shoulder, & what art,
Could twist the sinews of thy heart?
And when thy heart began to beat,
What dread hand? & what dread feet?

What the hammer? what the chain,
In what furnace was thy brain?
What the anvil? what dread grasp,
Dare its deadly terrors clasp?

When the stars threw down their spears .
And water'd heaven with their tears:
Did he smile his work to see?
Did he who made the Lamb make thee?

William Blake was a most extraordinary man. He saw visions, he was very politically active, deploring industrialisation and the exploitation of workers. He wrote masses of mystical poetry about imaginary worlds which symbolise this one, and he wrote *Jerusalem*, but he earned his living as an engraver. This is number 42 of his *Songs of Innocence and Experience*, which he engraved and coloured using a unique etching method which no-one has been able to duplicate since. His "Tyger" is a vision of terrifying brutality and power, and the poet isn't quite sure who its creator is, hence all the questions.

Blake taught himself to draw by copying statues (which is probably why most of his figures are nude or flimsily draped) and many of his paintings show people in impossible poses, but he believed that truth and reality need not be the same, indeed he often presented ideas from two opposing directions.

The Tyger is one of the *Songs of Experience*, for which he also composed the music, though it no longer survives, and its opposite number is the Lamb.



The Lamb

Little Lamb who made thee
Dost thou know who made thee
Gave thee Life and bid thee feed,
By the stream & o'er the mead;
Gave thee clothing of delight,
Softest clothing woolly bright;
Gave thee such a tender voice,
Making all the vales rejoice;

Little Lamb who made thee
Dost thou know who made thee

Little Lamb I'll tell thee,
Little Lamb I'll tell thee;
He is called by thy name,
For he calls himself a Lamb;
He is meek & he is mild,
He became a little child:
I a child & thou a lamb,
We are called by his name.

Little Lamb God bless thee
Little Lamb God bless thee.



In number 8 of *The Songs of Innocence*, the creator God appears as gentle, meek and childlike as his creation, and the child knows this. The Tyger is the opposite, frighteningly powerful, dangerous and predatory, but not natural. It is created with hammer, chain, anvil, furnace - industrial images. If the lamb represents natural freedom the tiger represents unnatural, industrialised constriction. It is not exactly evil, but to Blake it is the product of a desire to master and control. Blake's finest picture (quite small though, in fact most of his work is extraordinarily small and exquisite) is *The Ancient of Days*. This is *Urizen*, one aspect of the creator God, the controller and law-giver, powerful master, creator of the Tyger.



Caroline Lancelyn Green



The Red Fox

Thornton Hough • Wirral



You will find us 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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The Red Fox, Liverpool Road, Thornton Hough, Wirral, CH64 7TL

We are coming to the end of another busy and enjoyable year.

The Coffee Morning held at the WI on Saturday, 19 October, in aid of the Food Bank and organised by the 3 churches was so well supported – thank you! We donated 71.3 kg of food and £131 in donations – a wonderful response from the community.

Also very successful was our Halloween Charity Supper, on Tuesday, 24 October - wonderful decorations, tables very seasonally dressed, and many members in amazing costumes.

Through the winter months we are planning social/craft afternoons at 2 pm on the second Tuesday of the month – you are always welcome.

Other events in November were:

Our always popular Fish and Chip Supper on Tuesday, 12 November

Our coach trip to 'Bird in Hand', Guilden Sutton, for a Christmas lunch, followed by shopping at Grosvenor Garden Centre

December activities:

Tuesday, 3 December – our Christmas party when members bring a plate of tasty food for a shared buffet.

Thursday, 12 December – Clatterbridge League of Friends will hold a Soup and Sandwich lunch in our WI at 12 noon – tickets £8. All welcome.

Saturday, 14 December – our final get-together will be a Christmas Coffee Morning – 10.30 am – again, all welcome.

We wish all our readers a very good Christmas and look forward to seeing you again at our first meeting of 2020 – on Tuesday, 7 January when we will hear about the Blood Bikers and their 24-hour voluntary service.

Ann McTigue

2020 Magazines

We hope you are enjoying the Magazines which, for the past 12 months, have been made available without charge. We have enjoyed composing the Magazine and especially bringing you some of the stories provided by members of the congregation.

If you would like to contribute towards the costs of producing the 2020 Magazines, please place your contribution in the envelope provided with this Magazine and return it to your distributor. Thank you.

The Editorial Team

Christmas Quiz

1	What aromatic gum resin, related to baby Jesus, originates from an African tree & is burnt as incense?	
2	What food, related to Christmas, is made from a mixture of apple, dried fruit, candied fruit spices and suet?	
3	Which fruit is traditionally used to make a Christingle?	
4	In which country is Lapland situated?	
5	What are the two main ingredients of a snowball cocktail?	
6	Who was crowned King of England on a Christmas Day?	
7	In which Christmas themed movie does Hugh Grant star as a British Prime Minister?	
8	In which C. S. Lewis novel was it "always winter but never Christmas"?	
9	What did my true love send me on the sixth day of Christmas?	
10	Can you name the two missing reindeer: Dasher, Dancer, Rudolf, Comet, Cupid, Donner and Blitzen?	
11	Which popular Christmas movie stars Richard Attenborough and Mara Wilson?	
12	Which Christmas movie features a boy and an American steam train heading to the North Pole?	
13	Who is the patron saint of children?	
14	Which famous Christmas poem was written by Clement Clark Moore?	
15	Which male actor was left alone at Christmas?	
16	Which leader banned Christmas pudding and mince pies during the 17 th century?	
17	What huge gift did France give to the United States of America in 1886?	
18	Sir Henry Cole is credited with introducing the world to which popular Christmas tradition in 1843?	
19	In which country is Santa known as Babbo Natale?	
20	On what day of the week does Advent start?	
21	In 1898, what was issued by Canada in order to commemorate Christmas?	

Remembrance Weekend



On Saturday 9th November a special Remembrance Service was held at the War Memorial in Thornton Hough for the eight million animals killed during World War 1. The service was well attended by many people and accompanied by over 40 horses.

A collection was made in aid of Merseyside's Police Mounted Division.

The following day the Thornton Hough Branch of the British Legion congregated on Smithy Hill before parading to the War Memorial led by the Moreton Boys Brigade/Girls Union Band Wirral Sound. They were accompanied by many dignitaries including the Mayor and Mayoress of Wirral and our most recent Member of Parliament, Alison McGovern, for the service at 2.45pm at the War Memorial and for the church service in St George's Church which followed.

Wreaths were laid during the service at the War Memorial by The Mayor and Mayoress, Alison McGovern, the local Councillors, The Guides and Brownies, All Saints Church, St George's Church, Thornton Hough Primary School, The Merseyside Police, The Community Trust and The Thornton Hough Branch of the British Legion. All then paraded to St George's Church where the service continued.

Following this, all were invited for refreshments in the Village Hall prepared by the brownies, who were able to gain their Hostess badge as a reward for their efforts.





As we fast approach the festive season, we have launched our community Christmas Lights Campaign.



Last year was very successful raising over £2,000 which was all spent on the lights including maintenance and installation of new ones. This year we will be adding more new lights building on the fantastic display year on year.

We aim to raise £3,000 this year and again every penny will be spent on the lights and a community “switch on” event on the Green took place on Friday 22nd November. We would like to encourage residents to once again support our aim of lighting up the village for Christmas by adding white festive lights to front gardens and houses, spreading Christmas cheer!

To donate please visit our website www.thctrust.co.uk or post through Geoff Dale’s letterbox at 70 Eton Drive (please remember to put your name, post-code and state “gift aid” on the envelope so we can record your donation and claim gift aid). Many thanks.

Geoff Dale Chairman

Cookery Corner

MY MUM'S SAGE AND ONION STUFFING

(from Val Peter)

180 g cooked onions = 3 small/1 very large/ 3 medium
150 g breadcrumbs
80 g suet
8 tsp fresh sage, finely chopped (or equiv dried sage)
Salt and pepper, 1 egg



Boil chopped onions for 5 min and Make breadcrumbs. Combine the breadcrumbs, suet, salt and pepper, sage and onions in a large bowl. Whisk the egg and add to the mixture. Form into balls or cook in a slab either with chicken, pork or separately. Cook at 180 degrees (gas mark 4) for approx. 30 min or until done.

MICROWAVE CHRISTMAS PUDDING (Makes 2)

50gm self raising flour,	100 gm breadcrumbs
Half teaspoon mixed spice,	Half teaspoon cinnamon
Half teaspoon ground nutmeg,	1 carrot finely grated
1 cooking apple grated,	Grated rind and juice of 1 lemon
600gm mixed dried fruit	75gm margarine, melted
75 gm dark soft brown sugar	1 tablespoon black treacle
2 eggs	125 ml beer

Combine all the ingredients together and divide into 2 lightly greased pudding basins, pint size.

Cook each pudding separately in microwave on DEFROST for about 20 mins or until cooked through to the centre.

Leave to stand for 5 mins before turning out.

Wrap in greaseproof paper and store in cool place till needed.

Reheat when needed for 2 mins on HIGH in microwave.



Trade Directory

Trade	Name	Contact Tel	Mob
Gardener	Nick Holden	364 0592	0754 734 1175
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 - Pilates	Peter Heath	644 9279	07808 920 813
PAT Testing	Joey Farrell		07723 997 434
Gas Service	Mike Jones	342 5805	07813 137 134
ACG General Maintenance	Andrew Grover		07384 466 414
Book Keeping	Russ Smith	208 7126	07463 669 418

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.

Disclaimer“The above are not recommendations of the editorial team and neither All Saints PCC nor the editorial team can accept any liability resulting from using these organisations/trades people.”

A Benedictine Monk was returning from a conference abroad and, as is customary, packed his monk’s habit in a small case.

When he arrived at customs the officer asked “anything to declare?” The monk replied: “Only an old Benedictine habit!”

“Okay” said the officer”, how many bottles?”



At their service on Sunday 17th November, All Saints Church collected

35 shoe boxes and parcels for Teams4U to be distributed to worthy causes in Eastern European countries. Many thanks to all who contributed.

Judi Cooke



Advent and Christmas Services

Sunday December 1st 10:30am Advent Carol Service. A service with readings and music for congregation and choir to help us begin our spiritual preparation for the Christmas season.

Sunday December 15th 4:00pm Christingle Service. An informal child-oriented service, for young and old, to rejoice in the coming of Jesus, the Light of the World.

Monday December 16th 10:45am Crib Service. We hear the Christmas story presented in a way suitable for young children. Children from cots2tots will attend. Adults and other young children are also most welcome to come and join in!

Sunday December 22nd 6:30pm Service on Nine Lessons and Carols. A chance to hear the traditional nine readings from the Bible which are used in carol services throughout the world, to sing traditional Christmas hymns and carols and to hear some special carols sung by All Saints Church Choir.

Christmas Eve Tuesday December 24th 11:00pm Holy Communion. The first Holy Communion for Christmas Day begins a little before midnight. The service includes familiar readings for Christmas and well-known Christmas carols and hymns.

Christmas Day, Wednesday December 25th 10:30am Holy Communion for Christmas Day. A family-oriented service, giving everyone the opportunity to come and celebrate the birth of the Jesus-child.



Answers to Christmas Quiz

1 Frankincense	12 Polar Express
2 Mincemeat	13 St Nicolas
3 Orange	14 'twas the night before Christmas
4 Finland	15 Macaulay Culkin
5 Advocaat & lemonade	16 Oliver Cromwell
6 William I (the conqueror)	17 Statue of Liberty
7 Love Actually	18 Christmas Cards
8 The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe	19 Italy
9 Six geese a-laying	20 Sunday
10 Vixen & Prancer	21 Christmas Stamps
11 Miracle on 34th Street	

Register of Baptism, Burials and Marriages

Extracts from the Church Registers for October, November 2019

BAPTISM Imogen Audrey EDWARDS 27.10.19

	Died	Age	Burial/ Cremation
BURIALS Jenny Leigh FORD	12.03.12	89	27. 10. 19
Edward BROADHURST	9.8.19	90	27. 10. 19

COFFEE ROTA

December

1st Ron and Shirley
8th Brenda and Verity
15th Jane and Vi
22nd Shirley and June
29th Linda and Peter

January

5th Rhona
12th Syd and Rachel
19th Shirley and June
26th Heather and Eileen



Parish Hall

The Parish Hall is available for special events such as children's parties, birthday celebrations or anniversaries at a reasonable cost. Please contact Margaret Gamble on 336 7540 for availability and further details.





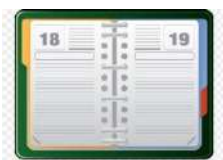
Parish Diary December 2019

November

Monday	25	9:00 am	cots2tots
Wednesday	27	10:30 am	Holy Communion (Common Worship)
Friday	29	7:00 pm	Choir Practice

December

Sunday	1		Advent Sunday
		8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10:30 am	Advent Carol Service
Monday	2	9:00 am	cots2tots
		7:30 pm	PCC Meeting
Wednesday	4	10:30 am	Holy Communion (Common Worship)
Thursday	5	12:30 pm	ACF Christmas Lunch
Friday	6	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Sunday	8		Second Sunday of Advent
		10:30 am	Morning Prayer (Common Worship) with children's group
		6:30 pm	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
Monday	9	9:00 am	cots2tots
Wednesday	11	10:30 am	Holy Communion (Common Worship)
		2:15 pm	ACF: Christmas Party
Friday	13	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Sunday	15		Third Sunday of Advent
		8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10:30 am	Holy Communion (Common Worship)
		4:00 pm	Christingle Service
Monday	16	9:00 am	cots2tots
		10:45 am	Crib Service
Tuesday	17	2:00 pm	Carols at Brimstage Manor Nursing Home
		3:10 pm	Carols at Westwood Hall Nursing Home
Wednesday	18	10:30 am	Holy Communion (Common Worship)
Friday	20	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Sunday	22		Fourth Sunday of Advent
		10:30 am	Holy Communion (Common Worship)
		6:30 pm	Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
Tuesday	24		Christmas Eve
		11:00 pm	Holy Communion (Common Worship)
Wednesday	25		Christmas Day
		10:30 am	Holy Communion for Christmas Day (Common Worship)
Sunday	29		First Sunday of Christmas
		10:30 am	Holy Communion (Common Worship)



Parish Diary January 2020

January 2020

Friday	3	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Sunday	5		Epiphany
		8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10:30 am	Holy Communion (Common Worship) with children's group
Tuesday	7	2:30 pm	Hymns at Brimstage Manor Nursing Home
Wednesday	8	10:30 am	Holy Communion (Common Worship)
		2:15 pm	ACF: 'Feathered poetry' (John Oldershaw)
Friday	10	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Sunday	12		First Sunday of Epiphany
		10:30 am	Morning Prayer (Common Worship) with children's group
		6:30 pm	Holy Communion (Traditional language)
Monday	13	9:00 am	cots2tots
Wednesday	15	10:30 am	Holy Communion (Common Worship)
Friday	17	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Sunday	19		Second Sunday of Epiphany
		8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10:30 am	Holy Communion (Common Worship) with children's group
Monday	20	9:00 am	cots2tots
Wednesday	22	10:30 am	Coffee Morning
Friday	24	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Sunday	26		Third Sunday of Epiphany
		10:30 am	Morning Prayer (Common Worship) with children's group
		6:30 pm	Holy Communion (Common Worship)
Monday	27	9:00 am	cots2tots
Wednesday	29	10:30 am	Holy Communion (Common Worship)
Friday	31	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Sunday	2		Fourth Sunday of Epiphany / Candlemas
		8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		11:00 am	United Service at St George's URC
Monday	3	9:00 am	cots2tots
Wednesday	5	10:30 am	Holy Communion (Common Worship)

Please send any items for inclusion in the Parish Diary to office@allsaintsth.org.uk
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**The deadline for submission of materials for the next edition is
Tuesday 14th January 2020.**

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