

All Saints' Church Thornton Hough

The Magazine



August—September 2022

Welcome letter from the Vicar

Times of Refreshment!

As I write we are experiencing historically hot weather. I have been collecting my washing-up water to give a drink to my thirsty plants in the early morning and at dusk. The lawn in the back garden and in many fields are bleach-blond from the fierce sun.

Yet in characteristic fashion, we are told that this heat-wave will break, there will be spectacular thunderstorms and rain and more seasonable weather will return. Don't put those warm jumpers too far away.

But what happens if this extreme weather event becomes the norm? Our planet is getting hotter, and the earth is calling out for times of refreshment and rest. Some parts of east Africa have had no proper rainy season for over three years.

Our Harvest celebrations in September are a time for thanksgiving, prayer and practical action. We can focus on how we can help participate in that time of refreshment. We can do our part to conserve the earth's resources, we can put our voice to campaigns to help reduce our carbon footprint worldwide, we can donate to charities such as Christian Aid, working in partnership with some of those most seriously affected by climate change.

We can also do our part to help ensure that individuals and families who are struggling to feed their families in this country can have access to those staple products we take for granted by donating to the Wirral Foodbank, bringing items to church for our thanksgiving and continuing to use the drop-off points in supermarkets throughout the year.

Jesus knew that we all need to be refreshed, not only with the simple offer of a drink of water, but with his living water, so that we "will never thirst" and that water "will become – a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (John 4:13-14)

Enjoy your summer; enjoy the refreshment which the long days and (largely!) warm weather give us, whether at home or on farther shores. And enjoy the refreshment which Jesus offers to all who come to him, whatever the weather.

Love and blessings

Vicky



Notes on the PCC meetings held on 6th June and 12th July

In June we learnt that the **Pilgrim Porch** at Chester Cathedral has now been completed.

Liturgy: a new 'Ordinary Time' order of service is being 'road-tested' and given time to settle in. A workshop to develop further Ordinary Time resources will follow so that we create more variety.

A poster of the members of the PCC has been put up at the back of church.

As the new PCC met together Vicky discussed the Pastoral Principles with us. These had been formulated as a way of considering others, with guidance on how to conduct oneself and how to interact with one another. Vicky reported that she had seen them used effectively elsewhere.

We can use the principles to develop ways of listening and speaking to one another in PCC meetings and outside in the community; being alerted to them should make us more self-aware.

This is the year we need to rethink our Vision Statement and we started by considering '**What do we do well/ what is special about All Saints?**'. Members mentioned our public worship and liturgy, the music, friendship, weddings, funerals and baptisms, the depth of the welcome, the physical atmosphere, things tidy and in good order (first impressions were good), our special services, inclusion and encouraging new things, the magazine and calendar, the ACF, care for older people and our midweek services.

That was followed up by '**All Saints would be even better if..**'. The PCC put forward their personal views and suggested that it was time we had the Bibles in the pews again, all services should use the Book of Common Prayer and the Authorised Version of the Bible (not everyone agreed!), we need more prayer for guidance and direction, more resources in church for children, more engagement with young people (maybe a service once a month?), more inclusion and information for Raby Mere and other parts of the parish outside Thornton Hough (delivering information to homes in all parts of the parish), more social events, more special services, do more for people of working age, focus our efforts, more Bible Study/ Fellowship groups.

In July we took this one stage further. Each of us chose one of the 'even better if' items and said what we could do to achieve it. Some interesting ideas were put forward. We discussed children's resources (and that anyone helping with children will need safeguarding training), harvest, delivering information to homes in the parish, social events and the need for someone to take this on, a promotional video on the website, school engagement, fellowship, online services (maybe one or two special services could go online), engaging in conversation with friends and neighbours etc.

The possibility of starting activities for young children and their parents/carers again in the Autumn term was discussed and is being explored. Two members of the PCC expressed a willingness to take this forward. This is a very rewarding activity- it provides social contact for parents (and grandparents) and is a way for the church to engage with the local community. Please think whether this is something you could help with.

Vicky would like to run **the Pilgrim Course**, starting in September. The course consists of different 'stand-alone' modules, each focusing on a different aspect of Christianity and lasting for a six week period. The material is suitable for people with little prior knowledge and it includes audio/video and booklets. It is a Church of England resource and contains reflections, Bible readings, conversation starters and things to take away. Details will follow later in the summer.

The process of appointing a new **Church Architect** is now drawing to a close with one preferred candidate identified and agreed on by the PCC.

Finance reports were circulated and discussed in both June and July. The actual deficit on the General Fund at the end of June was £5,407. Less money coming in than predicted, poor return from the investments, fewer weddings and funerals and higher utility costs were all factors contributing to this larger than expected deficit. Inflation is starting to have an impact. It might be necessary to realise some of our investments.

Because the church is a Grade 2 listed building, we can reclaim the VAT for work done on the church building. The Treasurer is preparing a claim. The PCC also agreed that the cost of hiring the Parish Hall should go up. We have not increased fees since 2019.

The Fabric Team have been concerned by damp in Hirst Cottage and are seeking quotes to remedy this.

On a positive note there were 78 in church for the **Service of Thanksgiving for the Platinum Jubilee**. We have been welcoming congregations of between 30 and 40 to our weekly Sunday services at 10.30am which is encouraging.

Everyday Faith. Chester Diocese is sponsoring a number of events to support learning more about how local churches can encourage people to live out their faith in everyday life. The event for people from All Saints' (for our Wirral South Deanery and Frodsham Deanery) is on Thursday, 6th October at 7.30pm at St Paul's Church, Helsby; four or five people from each parish are encouraged to attend.

Finally we learnt that the **Wirral Foodbank** had been in touch and had sent details of their current requirements. This has been published in the pew sheets. We are encouraging people to donate at their local supermarket. They had also sent leaflets telling people how they could access help and copies are available at the back of church.

Sue Stinson
PCC Secretary



I wonder who this can 'bee'?

Why it's our Vicar of course!

She buzzed round the 5 mile Fancy Dress run at Otterspool Promenade, the 4th stage of the 52-mile Tour of Merseyside.

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In a recent event held at Prenton, 60 attendees watched a video prepared by Chester Diocese and joined in discussions around "frontlines", those places in which God has placed each of us to do his work. Feedback from the floor offered insights into the myriad opportunities God presents us with to share the love of Jesus in our everyday lives.

You can find out more about *Everyday Faith* at the recent event in Prenton and how to book by following the link on the Chester Diocese website: <https://www.chester.anglican.org/news/deanery-event-gets-the-thumbs-up.php>

Please let Rev Vicky know if you are planning to attend. We will share a car or two if possible.



A Church Fellowship for Everybody

On Wednesday 8th June eleven ACF members welcomed Andrew Binns from Christian Aid. He started off his talk by giving us an overview of Christian Aid and how they have been helping the people of Ukraine. Following the start of the troubles in Ukraine in February 2022 over 5.2million people have fled their homes and over 7 million have been displaced internally. Christian Aid set up its own appeal for Ukraine and as part of the DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee) a total of £300 million was raised to help these people with life-saving aid, shelter, food, water, sanitation and medical supplies. Whilst we have all been very aware of the problems in Ukraine, Andrew reminded us that there are still problems around the world.

The DEC is made up of fifteen charities which come together quickly to raise funds when there is a crisis in a particular country. Many of the charities in the DEC didn't have any operations in Ukraine, therefore Christian Aid has worked with partners already there such as a Hungarian church organisation and a Swiss one. The funds raised would be passed onto these partners along with skills obtained to support them in their operations. They also work with Ukrainians who have stayed behind who want to help their own people. Support was also provided to vulnerable women and children from predatory gangs of traffickers and they have done this by providing 5000 SIM cards and safe zones in railway stations allowing people to keep in touch.

Christian Aid wants to support people to get themselves out of poverty and the money raised in the 2022 Christian Aid week in May will be used to support the people of Zimbabwe. We learned about a mum called Jessica whose husband has recently died and she has five children to support. She has land but drought makes it difficult to grow crops. There is no Welfare State or NHS to help people in difficulties get much needed medicines and food. If you can't grow food then you can't feed your family, or send your children to school but also you have nothing to trade. The programme in Zimbabwe brings hope as they teach the skills needed to grow food and how to save water when the rains come; they also give them the knowledge to plant drought-resistant crops.

Andrew discussed the problems of a changing climate leading to either drought or too much rain, leading to flooding and crops being swept away. Another project that Christian Aid is involved with is in North West Nigeria and this is called the DRaSS programme (Disaster Reduction and Social Safety). This project works with communities and helps them set up disaster resilience plans. They are taught to watch out for signs of floods that may come and are provided with depth gauges for rivers and wind-up radios so they can listen to weather forecasts.

A plan is then put together so the whole community knows what to do. Funding comes from institutional sources such as the EU and the UK's International Budget. However, the ability to respond when a crisis occurs is funded by Unrestricted Funds raised during Christian Aid week or sponsored walks etc. This enables a response to occur quickly when it is needed. An example of this was the crisis in Afghanistan last year when the Taliban took over.

At present there is concern that as everyone focuses on Ukraine Christian Aid's income will be reduced at a time that costs are increasing. The cost of food being supplied to the poorest communities looks set to increase astronomically and there may also be food shortages such as grain due to the problems in Ukraine. Recently "United by Hope" has been set up to work hand in hand with local communities to create lasting change and give people hope to build a life free of poverty.

Christian Aid is still a Christian organisation who will help anyone in need of help and continues to work with twenty-nine of the most vulnerable countries of the world in Africa, Asia, Middle East, Latin America and The Caribbean. The power of prayer is still central to their work and is very important.

Finally, the charity is also about campaigning, such as during Cop26. The latest one is the "Loss and Damage Petition" in which the richest 10% of Countries of the world should help to pay for damage caused by for example cyclones and storms in the poorest areas as a result of climate change.

A sunny afternoon on Wednesday 13th July was our ACF summer afternoon tea where twenty-one members and friends enjoyed a hot drink, plenty of assorted homemade cakes and cookies along with lots of laughter and chatter. The afternoon was enjoyed by all who came and there were even enough slices of cake to take home a goody bag for family members!

Forthcoming ACF Events

There will be NO ACF meeting or coffee morning during August.

Fellowship meetings will be held at 2.15pm in Parish Hall as follows:

September 14th Christine Davies talking about The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association.

October 12th Iain Stinson "Singing the Psalms"

November 9th Paul Moores from The Leprosy Mission England and Wales

December 14th Christmas Carols and Party

Coffee Mornings will be held at 10.30am in the Parish Hall as follows:

28th September, 26th October, 23rd November

We will have the usual raffle/sales table and refreshments.

Everybody welcome

Helen Tankard

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The Children's Society

We are very grateful to those of you who have been filling collection boxes in aid of The Children's Society for many years.

This will be the last year that the boxes are collected although donations can still be made to The Children's Society online or by post.

This year the boxes will be collected in church in early December and the donations sent to The Children's Society along with donations to The Children's Society collected at the Christingle Service on 11th December.

If you have any queries regarding this please see Pam Machin, Churchwarden. Thank you.

An Older Person's Hymn of Praise

Blessed be they who show consideration for my wavering footsteps and my feeble hands.

Blessed be they who realize that I have to strain to hear all that is said.

Blessed be they who appear to know that my eyes have grown dim and my thoughts slow.

Blessed be they who linger with a friendly smile to chat with me a little while.

Blessed be they who never say "You have already told me this story twice today".

Blessed be they who know how to waken in me memories of time past.

Blessed be they who impart to me that I am loved and respected and not abandoned.

Blessed be they who by their kindness lighten the days that remain on my way to the eternal resting place.

Anon and submitted by Heather Timms

To be a Pilgrim!

The Pilgrim Course

Starting 2.30pm on Monday, 26th September at The Vicarage.

The Pilgrim Course is a learning resource from The Church of England designed to help everybody and anybody know more about what it means to be a Christian, to reignite enthusiasm for learning and to deepen relationships with God and one another.

Pilgrim is set up in a set of six-week modules. Each session opens and closes with a short act of worship, and includes reflection on a passage of scripture, a time for private thought and a space for questions together. It uses video features and there is also an accompanying booklet.

We will begin by looking at The Lord's Prayer: we are so very familiar with the words, and this stand-alone, six-week session will encourage us to reflect and respond afresh, both individually and as a group. Don't worry if you can't make all the sessions – you will be very welcome to drop in and give it a try.

Further information is available via the Church House Publishing website: <https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/features/pilgrim>

This initial course will run on Monday afternoons for six weeks from 26th September in the Vicarage. It could be the start of an exciting pilgrim journey together: would you like to come along?

August / September Quiz

1. What are the birthstones for August?
2. August comes from the Latin word Augustus, meaning what?
3. Can you name two US presidents born in August?
4. August is the fifth of seven months to have what?
5. Coca-Cola was first sold in the UK in August of which year?
6. On August 1, 1831, which famous bridge opened?
7. The Panama Canal opened on 15 August in which year?
8. Which famous singer died of a heart attack on August 16, 1977?
9. India and Pakistan gained Independence in August of which year?
10. Who patented his sewing machine in September?
11. In September 1972 who won a record seventh gold medal?
12. In the Harry Potter books, what is the date on which the Hogwarts Express departs for the start of school?
13. What star sign starts on 23 September each year?
14. How many films have had 'September' in the title?
15. Why did the British take 11 days from the month of September in 1752?

Answers on page 31

Thoughts for August

August is the time for enjoying the fruits of your efforts which have led up to this wonderful month. Holidays now take centre stage and you can recharge your batteries for the times to come. Smelling the sweet cut grass and feeling the warm sunshine brings sustenance to your weary bodies.

Life of Brian Kingsley Jenkins

Brian was born on 5th January 1928 in Chester. His father was the station master at Ince and Elton. His mother use to take him down to the station to watch the trains come in and so his enthusiasm for steam trains began. When he was about 6 or 7 years old, the guard on the milk train would let him ride on the train to the last stop and back on a Saturday morning. In 1937 he won a scholarship to Chester Cathedral choir as a chorister which included attendance at the Choir school. At the end of 1937 his father was promoted to station master at Bromborough. He met his lifelong friend Fred Gardener, who lived across the road. They joined the Bromborough Church youth club. Brian said it was rather strange that the then Rector of Bromborough was the Reverend Allan-Price who came to live in Thornton Hough shortly after they did and they remained friends of the family to this day.

All choristers in the choir had to learn to play a musical instrument and as he had been encouraged to learn the piano he continued. In 1942 he went to the King's School Chester and went on to learn the organ which he enjoyed playing at a variety of churches and was deputy organist here at All Saints' for many years. When he wasn't playing the piano or church organ, he would be practising his B flat horn and was part of the Deeside Quartet with his best pal Fred Gardener.

In 1946 to 1948 he did National Service with the Air Force and after his basic training in Norfolk went over to Palestine and Egypt, based near Cairo. He and his air force pals flew in Lancaster bombers over to Malta & Cyprus as they were part of the maintenance team. On his time off in the evenings they would go to the NAAFI bar where Brian would play the piano and people would buy him drinks all night while he played. He would regularly have drinks lined up along the top of the piano and as the night wore on and the drink flowed, no one noticed how many wrong notes he played. He was also a keen footballer and cricketer and often said he would have liked to have played football professionally.

Brian met Freda at the Neston youth club where Freda was the treasurer. They got married in 1954, honeymooned in the Lake District, and in 1958 Tricia was born followed by myself in 1959. They lived in Parkgate for the first 10 years of married life before moving to Neston Road. As well as playing the organ both he and mum were active members of the church choir as they both had a love of singing. Even the week before he died, he was singing in the ward to the delights of the nursing staff.

Brian and Freda loved to travel abroad for holidays sightseeing, soaking up the culture of other nations. Brian was a keen photographer but rarely let Freda take a photo with him in it. We always had to go on a steam train anywhere there was one and even on days out with his work pals, he'd arrange a trip. We did manage to go on a small steam train in the Peak District last year, which made him very happy.

Mum and dad were members of the Neston Folk dance group and made life-long friends there. They loved their dancing on Wednesday evening either folk dancing or playford. There was a band who sat on the stage and played accordions, violins and keyboards and played the tunes for everyone to dance to and so Brian borrowed an accordion and spend hours and hours playing the same tunes and notes over and over again until he mastered them. Shortly after this he began composing the tunes he played. He played for many years in a band called the Barley Mow then formed the Cracknels with two pals and they would be off playing at dances up and down the country most Saturdays. He wanted to have his music on tape so other clubs could dance to his music and so he set up Fain music with his pal David. It's lovely to think that his music will still be played and danced to in years to come.

Brian worked at the council, firstly at Neston where he was the treasurer and then at Ellesmere Port. He was lucky enough when they had a reshuffle in local government to retire at the age of 55. He had taken up golf as a way to unwind and joined Bromborough Golf Club where he spent his time improving his game. He practised his swing most nights out in the garden with little plastic golf balls and it was my sister's and my job to find these balls when he mis-hit them into the flower beds. When he decided to give up playing golf, he and his pals took up snooker at the golf club. He always looked forward to his mornings with Ken, Bob and Ken, especially after his stroke.

He was a generous person and loved treating the family to meals out, especially when it was someone's birthday and sometimes just any excuse to eat out. He and Freda enjoyed having a drink of sherry every night while tea was cooking and if the children were there after they'd picked them up from primary school, they would let them have a little drink in their own glass but of course changed the name of the drink to 'pussy cat juice' in case someone asked them what they'd like to drink and they said, "I'll have a sherry please."

His grandchildren gave him great delight to hear of their achievements at school, university and then occupations. He loved it when they rang on their way home with their news or just for a chat. He was delighted when they moved into new homes.

Last year after watching many episodes of "Grand Designs", he decided to renovate his kitchen and conservatory. This was an open plan living area and new kitchen and he was delighted with the result. He moved back in November to enjoy the space and view of the garden. He had plenty of visitors, especially his lifelong friend Jean Bembow, who would call up for a "cuppa" every few weeks with news. I think he will be missed by everyone who knew him but would have loved to thank everyone for coming today to his funeral.

So, a big thank you from all his family.

Alison Millington – neé Jenkins

Grandad: A Limerick Poem for Brian by Harriet

There once was a man called Brian Jenkins
Ready for a life full of fun and drinking
Met a lady called Freda
Knew that she was the leader
And instead began a life of bickerings.

This newly-married man was a soldier
And even when he was much older
Said the days he most adored
Were in Egypt abroad
An experience he'd add to life's folder.

There once was a man young at heart
Who put his musical skills to the part;
Freda loved folk dancing
So a tour they quite fancied
Making friends and memories from the start.

Here was a man who loved to play,
But now had to play a different way:
Because along came baby Tricia,
How he loved to spend time with her!
Hopefully they are back together today.

There once was a man now called Father,
Whose family then became a little larger,
Their second Alison was born,
Who cared for him from dusk till dawn,
There was nothing that he would have rather.

There once was a man called Dad,
Four charming grandchildren he then had:
Writing each of them a song,
Popular across the Pond
For the US dancers to turn country folk mad.

There once was a man named Grandad,
Whose family did make him very glad:
Joining on the piano as he'd play
And cheering at his model railway,
Or sipping pussycat juice – but just a tad!

There once was a man who turned 90,
Oh, how he still seemed quite sprightly!
On this special date
They came together to celebrate
“Guv'nor” wine being drunk aplenty.

Today we remember this special man:
A significance in our life he sure had.
To say bye for now
In the way we know how,
Sending love to our brilliant grandad.

Another Airing of some of Brian's Bloomers

Bertha Belch, a Missionary from Africa, will be preaching at our morning service next Sunday. Come and hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.

Church Notice: The cost for attending the 'Prayer and Fasting Conference' will include meals.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon will be on the subject: “What is Hell?” Come early and listen to our Choir practice.

The Vicar will preach his farewell sermon on Sunday morning, after which the Choir will sing the anthem, “Break Forth into Joy”.



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POETRY CORNER

Dover Beach

by Matthew Arnold

The sea is calm tonight.
The tide is full, the moon lies fair
Upon the straits; on the French coast the light
Gleams and is gone; the cliffs of England stand,
Glimmering and vast, out in the tranquil bay.
Come to the window, sweet is the night-air!
Only, from the long line of spray
Where the sea meets the moon-blanch'd land,
Listen! you hear the grating roar
Of pebbles which the waves draw back, and fling,
At their return, up the high strand,
Begin, and cease, and then again begin,
With tremulous cadence slow, and bring
The eternal note of sadness in.

Sophocles long ago
Heard it on the Ægean, and it brought
Into his mind the turbid ebb and flow
Of human misery; we
Find also in the sound a thought,
Hearing it by this distant northern sea.

The Sea of Faith
Was once, too, at the full, and round earth's shore
Lay like the folds of a bright girdle furled.
But now I only hear
Its melancholy, long, withdrawing roar,
Retreating, to the breath
Of the night-wind, down the vast edges drear
And naked shingles of the world.

Ah, love, let us be true
To one another! for the world, which seems
To lie before us like a land of dreams,
So various, so beautiful, so new,
Hath really neither joy, nor love, nor light,
Nor certitude, nor peace, nor help for pain;
And we are here as on a darkling plain
Swept with confused alarms of struggle and flight,
Where ignorant armies clash by night.



Dover Beach

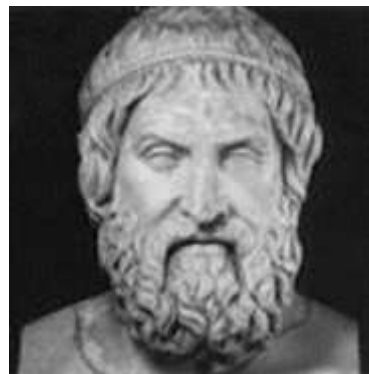


Matthew Arnold (1822 - 1888)

Poet, critic, educator



Frances Lucy Arnold (1825 -1901).
They had six children, of whom the
3 boys pre-deceased their father



Sophocles, 5th century Greek
playwright, author of eight
tragedies, including Electra, Antigone
and Oedipus Rex

Matthew Arnold's father was Thomas Arnold, headmaster of Rugby School, and young Matthew learnt, and later taught, there. He studied Classics at Balliol, Oxford, and in 1857, after publishing many successful poems, he became the first Oxford Professor of Poetry to teach English instead of Latin. For 35 years he was also a government inspector of schools, which gave him a keen interest in education. His most famous prose work is Culture and Anarchy, in which he argues that only by educating the "Philistines" (commercial middle classes) in the arts (Culture) can England hope to save itself from its "sick hurry and divided aims" (Anarchy) with the "Barbarians" (aristocrats) in charge.

Dover Beach is his most famous poem. It lacks the careful stanza forms and rhyme schemes of his others, but it does use iambic metre, though not regular pentameter, and it does rhyme every line with at least one other, though not in a fixed way, so it has a modern sense of spontaneity and immediacy.

The first three stanzas were composed on the back of his notes for the poetic drama Empedocles on Etna. (Empedocles taught that there are 4 elements: Earth, Air, Fire and Water, and that one should live in the moment, enjoy the everyday, and not let fear of the future spoil delight in the present.) That was published in 1852, which suggests the first three stanzas of Dover Beach were already written before Matthew and his bride Frances spent their honeymoon at a Dover hotel he knew well, in 1851. It was not published until 1867.

The rising tide of Victorian scientific discoveries threatened to overwhelm Christianity, and Darwin's Origin of Species, published in 1859 dealt popular notions of the Bible a severe blow. Faith and Science were seen as mutually incompatible. Dover Beach is profoundly pessimistic, despite his obvious hope that this time at least love may be "true". His apparent earlier rejection by "Marguerite" led him to contradict John Donne's famous assertion "No man is an island, entire of itself" with: "Yes, in the sea of life enisled, With echoing straits between us thrown, Dotting the shoreless, watery wild, We mortal millions live alone." (To Marguerite: Continued)

Water, especially beaches and riverbanks, held great symbolic meaning for Arnold. The "ignorant armies" were the incompetent, poorly led Athenians who, according to Thucydides, invaded Sicily by night in 415 BC, became disoriented on the beach, and attacked each other.



Sicilian beach

Matthew Arnold gave up writing poetry about 1860, feeling more inspired to write prose.

Caroline Lancelyn Green



Aegean beach near Sophocles' birthplace

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Another Large Thornton Hough House - Copley House



Walk along Manor Road from Thornton Hough towards Brimstage and there, peeping over the high sandstone wall on the left, you can just make out the frame of a once magnificent glasshouse, and further on is the entrance to a stable yard. Beyond is 'Copley', once the home of the local family who owned it for over half a century. Standing in its own grounds, 'Copley' dates from the early 1860s. In its heyday this was a real gentleman's country residence. At the back of the house there were extensive stables, a coach house, dairy, and laundry, as well as two cottages. There are still the remains of tennis courts, a squash court, even a music room over the garages, as well as the glasshouses where vines, peaches, melons and carnations were grown.

The house and grounds have a rather chequered history. Its name, 'Copley', originates from the fields on which the house and gardens stand, which were once part of Lord Mostyn's vast Wirral estate, sold at auction in 1849.

The house was apparently originally built for George Comer, a Liverpool cotton broker, who in 1866 then sold the house and land to Stephen Williamson, a Liverpool business man, who is variously described as gentleman, cotton broker, merchant, MP, and farmer. After returning from Chile where he was also in business, he lived at Copley for years with his wife Annie and brought up their eight children – seven boys and one girl.

The original house was probably much smaller and was extensively altered during their ownership to create the traditional Scottish baronial-style house you see today. The front entrance lodge was added in 1867, together with two cottages alongside the entrance to the stable yard. A pair of servant's cottages were also built in the village on Neston Road next door to the smithy – Copley Cottage.

Stephen Williamson died in 1903 but Annie continued to live in the property until she passed away in 1922. The house was then bought at auction by William Lever, the 1st Viscount Leverhulme, together with his son who had already moved into Thornton Manor. They incorporated part of the land into the Manor grounds, and the house, out-buildings, gardens, orchard and tennis courts were put up for sale. They were bought in 1925 by Andrew Duncan, a printer from Liverpool, and then six years later sold to Frederick Haslam of Stanhope House in Bromborough.

In May 1941 The Corn Exchange in Liverpool was destroyed in an air raid and in June 1941 Haslam sold Copley to the Liverpool Corn Exchange to be used as offices and residences for employees of 'The Ministry of Food's Liverpool Area Grain Committee' who occupied the property for the remainder of the 2nd World War.

After the war, the 2nd Lord Leverhulme bought the house and gardens back again, had the house converted into flats, and they became part of the Leverhulme Estate who still own them today.

Researched and written by Gavin Hunter

Thoughts for September

The harvest month brings the knowledge of green leaves still on the trees and a promise of some warm days in the certainty that the leaves will wither and the days will become shorter. For many it will be the memories of the end of school holidays, harvesting in the fields, apples and pears on the trees and back to work for others. Autumn with its many colours is peeping around the corner.

2023 Calendar

Last chance to send any photographs for consideration to be included in the coming calendar. Please send them as soon as possible, and no later than the end of August, to Brian Morris (brimorris@sky.com).

Gardening Corner

Gardening tips for August / September



In these two months do sit back occasionally and enjoy your garden as well as carrying out essential tasks to keep your garden in full bloom and looking its best.

The warmer weather encourages you to find time for relaxation so make the most of it! The following are suggestions which might help you in your garden and the greenhouse.

- Sow hardy annuals, such as Queen Anne's Lace, scabious and cornflowers, for flowers early next summer
- Deadhead dahlias and other perennials to encourage flowering
- Keep pots and hanging baskets flowering by watering and deadheading regularly, and add tomato feed fortnightly
- Plant well-rooted strawberry runners into new beds
- Pinch out the tops of outdoor tomatoes, as further flowers are unlikely to produce fruits that have time to ripen. Remove the lower tomato leaves up to the lowest truss, to let more light and air reach the fruits
- Lift gladioli corms, dry them off, then store in a frost-free shed or garage over winter
- Plant wallflowers, pansies, forget-me-nots and other spring bedding in pots and borders
- Plant up containers for autumn interest, using cyclamen, heathers, heucheras and other colourful bedding plants
- Prune out all the fruited canes of summer raspberries, cutting down to the base, and tie in new canes to supports
- Start sowing hardy varieties of broad beans and peas for early crops next year
- Plant onion and shallot sets in a sunny spot, 10cm apart, with the tip just showing above the soil
- Pick apples and pears before the wind blows them down, and store undamaged fruits if you can't eat them fresh
- Plant prepared hyacinth bulbs in pots or hyacinth glasses in the greenhouse, for fragrant indoor flowers at Christmas
- Pot up tender perennials, such as fuchsias and osteospermum, from summer displays and bring indoors before temperatures drop

Your enthusiastic gardener



A Prayer for Summer

Thank you for the days of summer which you have given us.

For long days and warm sun; for freshening breezes.

For the grandeur of thunderstorms, the hues of sunrise and sunsets.

For those who harvest the crops and sculpt our landscape with their labours.

Thank you for times of leisure: for sandy beaches and mountain ranges,

For the imagined worlds in books and film,

For the flap of clothes on the washing line, for birds in flight and in song,
the gardens bright with colour.

For children at play, for games in the park and companions chatting.

Slow us down, Lord, when we are rushed.

Open our hearts, Lord, when we close them to you and to the needs of those
around us.

May the summer of your Son shine upon us

Today and always.

A little humour!

I was visiting a monastery and as I was walking past the kitchen I saw a man
frying chips.

I asked him if he was the friar?

He replied—no he was the chip monk !



At our meeting on Tuesday, 5th July, **Joan Finney** gave a fabulous talk on the life of actress and comedienne **Joyce Grenfell**. She was a wonderful speaker and entertainer and kept us all enthralled for the evening.

We have, thus far, enjoyed 2 garden visits: Bryn Bellan, Gwernaffield, near Mold, and, Rose Brae, 27 Earle Drive, Parkgate.

The Cheshire Show, in June, was a great success and very much enjoyed by THWI members who volunteered to help in the WI Marquee over the two days. Cakes contributed by THWI ladies to the Show were greatly appreciated by the organisers and enjoyed by visitors to the Show!

Queen's Jubilee: THWI ladies turned up on Sunday, 5th June, to sell tea and cakes as part of Thornton Hough Picnic on the Green. Despite the continual drizzle throughout the day there were quite a few visitors who braved the weather and enjoyed refreshments.

Our **Queen's Jubilee Street Party** on Tuesday, 7th June, at the WI Hall was a fun evening enjoyed by all, including a Jubilee Quiz and fabulous prizes. There was a great selection of food both savoury and sweet, and so many generously donated Tombola prizes that we almost had enough for everyone to have one each!

Dates for your Diary

Summer Social: *Wednesday, 24th August, 12.00pm - 2.00pm.* Ploughman's Lunch, refreshments, £5.00.

Seadogs Concert: *Tuesday, 8th November, 7.30 pm - 10.00 pm.* Hotpot supper and dessert. Tickets £15.00. Bring your own drinks! Members, friends and visitors welcome. Port Sunlight Seadogs are a popular and well-known group of singers bringing songs of a sailor's hard life, songs of Liverpool, distant ports and cruel seas. This will be a fund-raising event for THWI and promises to be a lively and fun evening. Tickets available from Betty Hodges Tel: 336 3572

There will be no evening meeting in August so our next evening meeting will be on **Tuesday, 6th September, 7.30 pm**, when the speaker will be Rev. Hugh Burgess - A Trip to Santiago de Compostela.

Janet Gaywood

A little Humour

Are you sweating while putting petrol in your car?

Feeling sick when paying for it?

I am sorry to say but you have the **"Carowner Virus!"**

St. Patrick's Cathedral Dublin

Recently Lesley and I visited St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin and found it very enjoyable and most interesting.

At the beginning of the 20thC building work close to the cathedral found 6 Celtic grave slabs dated to the 10thC. One of these apparently covered an ancient well and it is believed that St Patrick may have used this well in the 5thC to baptise local people.

When we entered the Cathedral we were struck by how proud they were of their mighty organ which was made by Henry Willis & Sons of Liverpool in 1902. The organist has a difficult climb to get up to the organ, as it is up many spiral steps. Apparently he does this at least once or twice a day!



Whilst being guided around we came on an old door with a large hole in it. This hole was cut out by one of two feuding families in 1492. The head of one of the families—the Fitzgeralds, wanted a truce with the other family – the Butlers, who had taken sanctuary in the Cathedral's Chapter House. The Butlers thought the offer of a truce was a trap so they refused. To prove his sincerity the Fitzgerald family leader ordered a hole to be cut in the door and thrust his arm through it offering his hand in peace which the Butlers accepted and the two family leaders shook hands.

The story lives on today in the saying ***“to chance your arm!”***

As we walked round the Cathedral we came across information on Jonathan Swift (of Gulliver's Travels fame) who became the Dean of the Cathedral from 1713 to 1745 and often gave sermons which lasted for many hours! Some of the congregation came in to listen to him whilst others came to sleep. A legend suggested that Swift had wheels attached to his pulpit so he could travel up and down the aisles and wake up any who had fallen asleep!

Hanging in the Cathedral are a number of regimental flags from the 19th and 20th Century representing the Irish Regiments in the British Army which have now been disbanded. The flags are allowed to decay slowly in memory of the soldiers who fought under them. This echoes the expression: ***“ Old soldiers never die they simply fade away”.***



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My New Favourite things *by Julie Andrews*

BOTOX and nose drops and needles for knitting,
Walkers and handrails and new dental fittings,
Bundles of magazines tied up with string,
These are a few of my favourite things.

Cadillacs and cataracts, hearing aids and glasses,
Polident and Fixodent and false teeth in glasses,
Pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings,
These are a few of my favourite things.

When the pipes leak,
When the bones creak,
When the knees go bad,
I simply remember my favourite things,
And then I don't feel so bad.

Hot tea and crumpets and corn pads for bunions,
No spicy hot food or food cooked with onions,
Bathrobes and heating pads, hot meals they bring,
These are a few of my favourite things.

Back pain, confused brains and no need for sinning,
Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinning,
And we won't mention our short shrunken frames,
When we remember our favourite things.

When the joints ache,
When the hips break,
When the eyes grow dim,
Then I remember the great life I've had,
And then I don't feel so bad.

This can be sung to the Tune of "My Favourite things" from the film "The Sound of Music"

Submitted by Patsy Baker (permission was given to share by Julie Andrews)





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COOKERY CORNER

KIPPER PATÉ

Ingredients

2pkts Kippers. (boil in the bag kippers are easy as they come with butter)

Juice of a lemon

1 large garlic clove and a knob of butter

150mls whipping cream

A few drops of Tabasco sauce and a pinch of black pepper to taste



Cook 2 packets of kipper fillets with the butter.

Tip into a liquidiser and add the lemon juice and the garlic (finely chopped.), the Tabasco sauce and the black pepper. Whizz to blend.

Whip up the double cream until stiff and fold into the kipper mixture and chill.

BRAMBLE MOUSSE

Ingredients

1lb blackberries with sugar to taste

½oz gelatine

2 egg whites whisked

½ cup whipped cream

Simmer the blackberries with the sugar and a little water until fruit is soft.

Press through a sieve.

Prepare the gelatine according to the instructions and mix in to the blackberries

When the mixture begins to set, fold in the whisked egg whites and the whipped cream. Chill in the fridge.

This mousse will freeze.



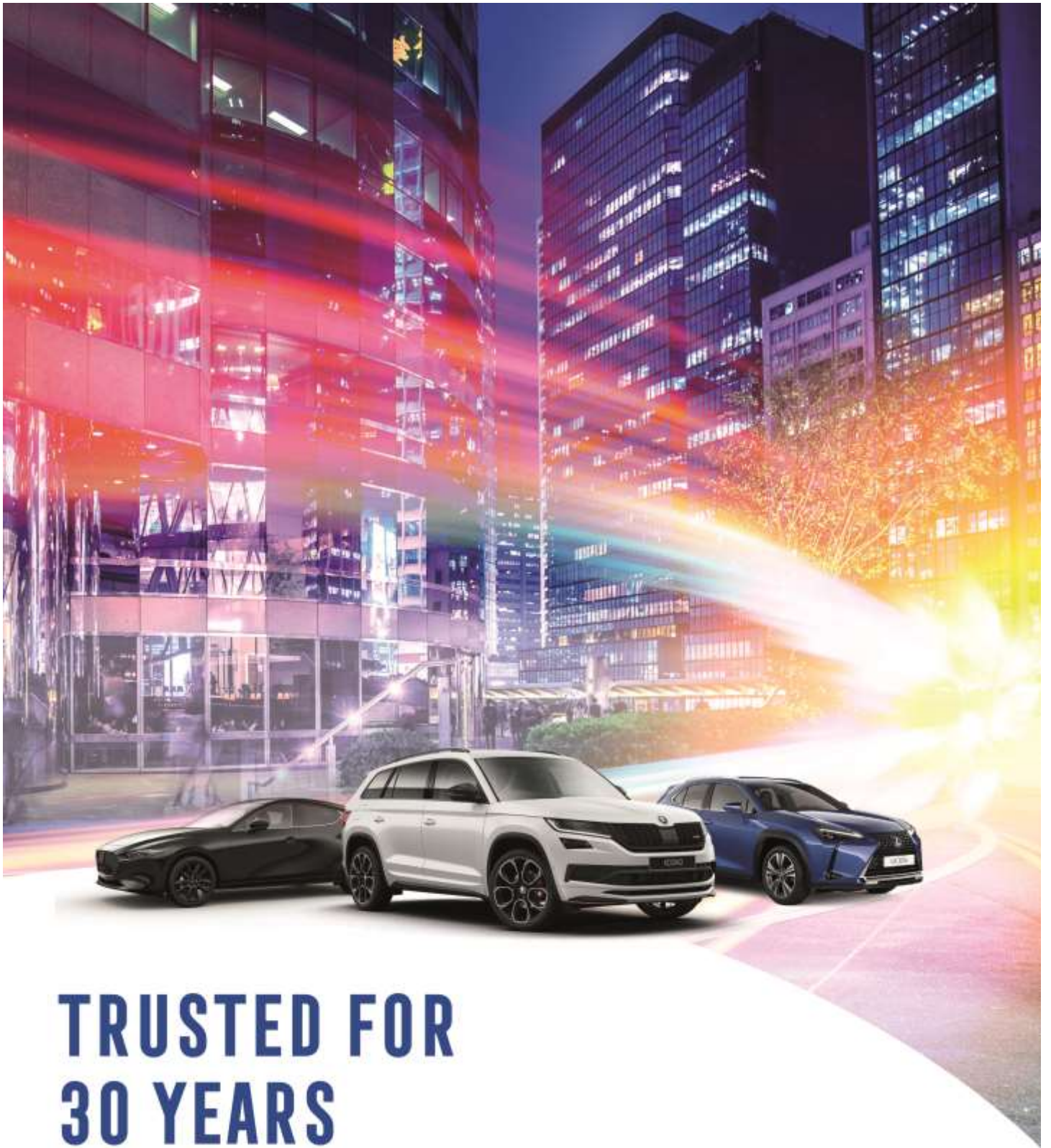
More Humour

A woman was speaking to her friend and said

“The other day when I was in the kitchen, I killed 5 flies . 3 of them were male and 2 were female.”

Her friend asked her “ How can you tell the difference between the males and the females?”

“Well the males were on the beer cans and the females were on the phone!”



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Harvest Celebration Week: September 18th – 25th

We will be marking our Harvest Thanksgiving between Sunday, 18th and 25th September. You are again invited to bring in items during the week which will be given to the Wirral Foodbank: a “shopping list” is below.

Our celebrations will conclude on Sunday, 25th September with a special Thanksgiving Service in church at 10.30am and a Harvest Lunch in the Parish Hall at 12:30pm. Do please invite friends, neighbours and family to these events.

Further details of booking and costs for the Harvest Lunch will be published nearer the time.

Wirral Foodbank “Shopping List”:-

Tinned meat	Tinned fruit	Squash
Tinned tomatoes	Tinned fish	Biscuits
Jam	Nappies (Size 6)	
Toothbrushes	Toothpaste	
Deodorant	Washing-up liquid	

(Please no beans or pasta – they have plenty)



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
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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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BURIALS

	Died	Age	Burial/Ashes burial
Joan Elizabeth HUGHES	21/2/22	80	Ashes buried: 29/5/22
Janet Lucy GREEN	1/4/22	61	Ashes buried: 4/6/22

BAPTISMS

Teddy Nicholas ROSSITER 16/7/22

WEDDINGS

28/5/22: Richard Peter JONES & Harriet Sophie EATON

16/7/22: Max Albert Nicholas ROSSITER & Hannah Rachel GARGAN

August / September Quiz Answers

1. *Peridot, Sardonyx, and Spinel*
2. *"consecrated" or "venerable"*
3. *Barack Obama and Bill Clinton*
4. *A length of 31 days*
5. *1900*
6. *London Bridge*
7. *1914*
8. *Elvis Presley*
9. *1947*
10. *Elias Howe*
11. *Mark Spitz*
12. *September 1*
13. *Libra*
14. *At least six*
15. *Britain changed from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar in 1752.*



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Sunday Bible Readings

August—September 2022

July

31 **Trinity 7**
Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2: 18-23 Luke 12: 13-21

August

7 **Trinity 8**
Gen 15: 1-6 Luke 12: 32-40

14 **Trinity 9**
Hebrews 11: 29 – 12:2 Luke 12: 49-56

21 **Trinity 10**
Isaiah 58: 9-14 Luke 13: 10-17

28 **Trinity 11**
Proverbs 25: 6-7 Luke 14: 1, 7-14

September

4 **Trinity 12**
Deuteronomy 30: 15-20 Luke 14: 25-33

11 **Trinity 13**
Exodus 32:7-14 Luke 15:1-10

18 **Trinity 14**
Amos 8:4-7 Luke 16:1-13

25 **Trinity 15**
Amos 6:1a, 4-7 Luke 16:19– 31

October

2 **Trinity 16**
Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 Luke 17: 5-10

9 **Trinity 17**
2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c Luke 17:11-19



Parish Diary

August—September 2022

July 29

31 Sunday Trinity 7
10:30am Holy Communion

August

3 Wednesday
10:30am Holy Communion

7 Sunday Trinity 8
8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10:30am Holy Communion

10 Wednesday
10:30am Holy Communion

14 Sunday Trinity 9
10:30am Holy Communion
12:30pm Holy Baptism
6:30pm Evensong (BCP)

17 Wednesday
10:30am Holy Communion

21 Sunday
8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10:30am Holy Communion

24 Wednesday
10:30am Holy Communion

28 Sunday
10:30am Holy Communion

31 Wednesday
10:30am Holy Communion

September

2 Friday
7:00pm Choir Practice

4 Sunday Trinity 12
8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10:30am Holy Communion

7 Wednesday
10:30am Holy Communion

9 Friday
7:00pm Choir Practice

September

11	Sunday	Trinity 13
	10:30am	Holy Communion
	6:30pm	Choral Evensong
13	Tuesday	
	7:30pm	PCC Meeting
14	Wednesday	
	10:30am	Holy Communion
	2:15pm	ACF: The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association
16	Friday	
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
18	Sunday	Trinity 14 / "Harvest Week" begins
	8:00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10:30am	Holy Communion
21	Wednesday	
	10:30am	Holy Communion
23	Friday	
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
25	Sunday	Trinity 15 / "Harvest Week" ends
	10:30am	Harvest Thanksgiving Service (Morning Prayer)
	12:00pm	Harvest Lunch
26	Monday	
	2:30pm	Pilgrim Course (1)
28	Wednesday	
	10:30am	Coffee Morning
30	Friday	
	7:00pm	Choir Practice

October

2	Sunday	Trinity 16
	8:00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10:30am	Holy Communion
3	Monday	
	2:30pm	Pilgrim Course (2)
5	Wednesday	
	10:30am	Holy Communion
7	Friday	
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
9	Sunday	Trinity 17
	10:30am	Holy Communion
	5:30pm	Parish Tea (with Bishop Mark)
	6:30pm	Choral Evensong (with Bishop Mark)

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

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