

**All Saints' Church Thornton Hough**

# **The Magazine**



**December 2024—January 2025**

All Saints' Church Thornton Hough

# Service of Readings and Music for Advent

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December  
at 10:30am



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# Christingle Service



Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December  
at 4pm  
in All Saints' Church

A collection will be taken in aid of the Children's Society

All Saints Church Thornton Hough

# Service of Lessons and Carols for Christmas

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024  
at 6:00pm

*Please join us for a drink and mince pies  
after the service*

*Everybody welcome*



All Saints' Church, Thornton Hough

# Christmas Services

**Christmas Eve, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

11:00pm "Midnight" Holy Communion

**Christmas Day, Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December**

10:30am Family Holy Communion

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December**

10:30am Holy Communion

**Epiphany, Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January**

10:30am Holy Communion



## *A Welcome letter from the Vicar*

### **Four Candles...**

As we move through the four Sundays of Advent, and finally light all four candles on the fourth Sunday, I find it difficult to suppress a smile.

Yet, memories of the *Two Ronnies* shopkeeper sketch aside, those four candles around our Advent Wreath are an important part of our preparations for Christmas. Introduced from northern Europe in the nineteenth century, lighting candles in the short, dark days of December reminds us that we await the coming of Jesus, the Light of the World.

Each candle has a distinct meaning, reminding us of those who prepared for the coming of Jesus: the Patriarchs, Abraham our father in faith and David, Jesus' ancestor; the Prophets, those who foretold and anticipated the coming Messiah; John the Baptist, who boldly proclaimed Jesus as Lord, and Mary, who accepted the angel Gabriel's message and was mother to Jesus.

We are guided by those lights towards Jesus, and in our Christmas services, commencing with the beautiful "midnight" service at 11.00pm at Christmas Eve as we go out into the first minutes of Christmas Day, we light the central candle. Do join us, if you can, for some of our services throughout Advent and Christmas this year.

You can also reflect upon these themes in your own home, however. Who are the heroes of faith who have shaped us? What might those prophets have to say to us in our broken world today? How do we proclaim the light of Christ in our lives? How do we show that patience and care which Mary embodied in how we treat others?

Have a blessed Christmas and New Year. And when the food has been eaten, the tinsel packed away, the parties over, our joy continues as the light of those four candles is still with us. Jesus is present with us, both sharing our humanity and being truly God.



*Vicky*

## Notes on the PCC meetings held on 8<sup>th</sup> October and 12<sup>th</sup> November

In October we heard that the **Harvest Lunch** had been well attended and that 310kg of food etc had been taken to the Wirral Foodbank.

Planning was going ahead for the **Autumn Fair**. This has now come and gone. It was very successful and raised a welcome £631. Thanks are due to all who made this a success.

The Village Trust and the parishioners have been very generous and contributed to the cost of repairing the **church clock** (£600 from the Trust and £195 from a collection). The clock has been restored and is working again. The PCC are very grateful for their help.

After problems finding someone to remove the old **noticeboard** and install a new one it was reported that a company in Chester could manufacture and install one. Permissions are being sought and hopefully it won't be too much longer before a new noticeboard can be erected.

In October the PCC looked at our **policies** for Safeguarding, the Recruitment of Ex-Offenders (we have adopted the Chester Diocese policy) and the Procurement Policy. The Procurement Policy will be tweaked over the next few weeks to reflect current costs etc.

In October the **Treasurer reported** that things were looking a little more positive. The money received from our investments was on target to reach the predictions in the budget, help with the clock repair and a donation from the the Lord Leverhulme's Charitable Trust were all very welcome. Open plate giving had been good (37% above the expected level) and the income from standing orders had increased. Unfortunately by November things didn't look quite as cheerful. Hall revenue was down due to illness, the energy costs had nearly doubled now that our favourable fixed rate had ended and maintenance costs for our buildings and churchyards were much higher than predicted in the budget. The deficit on the General Fund at the end of the year is predicted to be about £6,500. The Finance Committee will be looking at the budget for next year over the next few weeks.

In November we were looking ahead to **Advent and Christmas**. In the calendar we have a service of Readings and Music for Advent, a Christingle Service, Carol Singing in Westwood Hall and Brimstage Manor, the Carol Service, a 'Midnight' Communion on Christmas Eve and a celebration of Holy Communion on Christmas Day.

In addition we are hosting a charity concert in aid of Clatterbridge and Arrowe Park Hospitals on 6<sup>th</sup> December. After some discussion it was decided to hold a '*Merry Christmas Carols and Mince Pies*' on 11<sup>th</sup> December from 2:30pm to 4pm. Come and join us as we all have a good sing!

We were struggling to find a suitable design for the church **Christmas card** this year. In the November meeting the PCC considered two possible pictures for an All Saints' themed card and chose one. Vicky will be drawing up lists for the distributors soon. She expressed her thanks to all those who helped in producing and distributing the cards. They should be dropping through letterboxes soon.

In the November meeting the Vicar read a letter from the Bishop of Chester, his response to the resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury earlier in the day. As a church All Saints' follows the lead of the Diocese of Chester and the national church in taking **safeguarding** very seriously. Leaders in the church and members of the PCC do safeguarding training and key people are DBS checked. Our Safeguarding Officer, Linda Arch is proactive in reporting to the PCC each meeting and ensuring that we are doing everything we can to keep everyone safe. If you ever have any concerns or questions please speak to Linda or Vicky.

The **Fabric Team** have been busy over the last two months. The cedar tree in the churchyard has been thinned to make it safer, the stone lintel above the church door has been repaired, work has been done at the bottom of the steps up from Raby Road to eliminate a trip hazard, broken ceiling tiles have been replaced in the hall and maintenance checks have been carried out. Vicky asked that our appreciation for all that the Fabric Team have done was put on record. Thanks also to Phil Charvill for helping the Fabric Team to cut back bushes and tidy the churchyard.

In October work was also done on the electric sockets in the boiler room. As a result everyone was enjoying warmth in the church again. Vicky expressed her thanks to Scirard Lancelyn Green and Iain Stinson on behalf of the PCC.

**Deanery Synod.** On 23<sup>rd</sup> October an evening of 'Hymns and Praise' had been held at All Saints'. Parishes brought their hymn choices and requests for prayer. It was well attended and well received.

Each year our church makes **donations to charities**. We aim to support a mix of charities, some local, some national, some international, some faith based etc. In the November meeting it was agreed to support the following charities this year:

Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)	Maggie's Place, Wirral
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Each charity will be sent £172 (our budget for charitable giving was £1200).

As we look forward to Christmas we put our trust in God and pray that the world will become a better place for everyone in 2025.

Happy Christmas.

**Sue Stinson**  
**PCC Secretary**



## From the churchwardens



We have recently completed two further training events to try and ensure that we keep up to date with any developments and so are in the best possible position to support Revd Vicky. We have also been reflecting that it is now one year since the formation of our current Fabric Team. The core team members are June, Gill Charvill, Richard Singleton and Graham Seagrave (H&S). Much has been achieved in this first year: installing a new bespoke sink unit in the Vicar's Vestry, removal of vegetation from the spire, re-affixing mesh grilles to the spire apertures to keep the birds out, levelling the stone steps in Raby Road, replacing the damaged piece of stone lintel above the doorway, general churchyard maintenance, to name just a few.

We have also ensured that statutory regulations have been complied with such as portable appliance testing, lightning conductor testing, electrical and gas safety, and first aid. The core team has been supported in general maintenance by other volunteers such as Patsy, Phil Charvill, Jane Wilson, Sue and Iain Stinson. Volunteers are such an integral part of All Saints; not just the Fabric Team, but flower arrangers, sidespeople, readers, choristers, teas and coffee servers, and of course those who make up the PCC. To all those wonderful volunteers currently serving and to all those who have already served their time and are taking a well earned rest – a huge thank you! If anyone would like to get involved, do please speak to us. Our sincere thanks too, for your ongoing financial support. Your generosity enables All Saints to keep going.

With our very best wishes for a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

**Patsy and June**

### A popular and favourite verse from the Bible

Psalm 118: 24

**“This is the day that the Lord has made:  
We will rejoice and be glad in it.”**



Do you have a favourite verse in the Bible?

Please send it to us so we can include it in one of the forthcoming editions.



The Autumn Fair



## My eco-journey – (final) chapter 6

By the time this edition of our All Saints' Magazine is available, I am reasonably confident that my/our household Carbon Footprint will be a tonne lower than at this same time last year. The major part of this reduction has been from the move to a vegetarian diet for an average of 4 days per week. I have written about this at some length. This plan didn't quite get me to the 1 tonne target. However, an approximate estimation of the Carbon Footprint linked to additions to my own wardrobe in the year 2023 suggested that an outright ban on such purchases during this year would be an achievable way to reach that one tonne goal – set by the providers of the Carbon Literacy course I attended. (For clarification - I also store footwear and handbags in my wardrobe(s).)

**“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?”**

Matthew chapter 7 verse 25. NIV.

This theme is continued through in the following 9 verses of the chapter. I personally should reflect carefully on the passage, because not only do I have a great interest in nutrition and cookery, but I have always been aware of fashion, not ever slavishly following trends, but always being conscious of appearing appropriately dressed.

Compliance with this self-imposed fashion embargo has probably been facilitated more by my previous extravagance than self-control. I have “shopped in my wardrobe”.

- Rediscovering a previously unworn, versatile, smart casual summer jacket - and more.
- Unworn items, which did nothing to flatter me, have gone to the local charity shop and might be just what someone else is looking for.
- I have repaired some semi-shabby clothes to get a few months more wear from them.
- 3 pairs of jeans/trousers have been taken for alteration, because the less than perfect fit was a disincentive to wearing them.
- Layering has allowed me to recombine my clothes, extending the season I can wear them.

Lightweight polo necks and T-shirts can be worn under thinner dresses and shirts as the weather gets cooler. (Some of these tops might even be well beyond their best, if more than the neckline were to be on show!)

Ignoring inducements to purchase fashion has increased my awareness of how much waste is linked to this industry. The old idea of fashion retailers introducing new ranges only twice a year (spring/summer and autumn/winter) has been replaced by constant introduction of new ranges throughout the year. This encourages retailers to over-stock. Surplus stock is later discounted in



promotional sales. What is still left behind goes to landfill.

The so-called “fast fashion” industry aims at a market where each item is worn only a few times before being discarded. These customers are more interested in instant impact than longevity. Not everything that is donated to a charity shop gets bought. Unwanted items are likely to end up in landfill. To compound the landfill issue, some incredibly cheap clothing can be purchased via mail order. “Returns policies” encourage ordering multiple items, with a view to keeping one of two favourites. We need to know that it is not financially viable for online retailers to press and repackage items of very low economic value. Some of these returns go straight off to landfill.

We should also be mindful of the very poor working conditions in many factories producing cheap clothing and other environmental impacts of the fashion industry, including fabric production and transport. We consumers must take our own responsibility for the environment and not put all the blame on the big companies. Retailers will only change their ways, if we customers change ours.

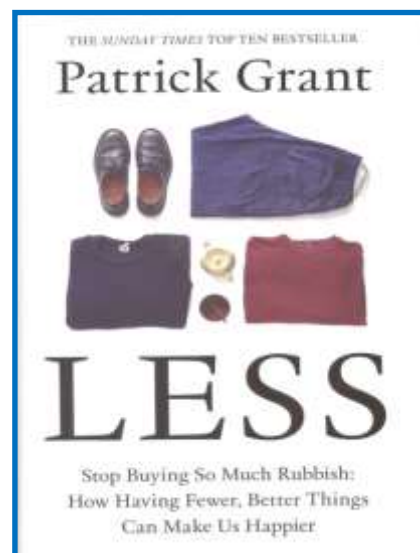
Next year, when my pledge to refrain from such purchases has expired, I am going to swap “Do I want it?” with:

1. Do I **really** like it?
2. Do I **really** need it?
3. Will it fit in with items I already own or will this purchase lead to further purchases?
4. Will I wear/use this item multiple times?
5. Is it an unnecessary duplication of something I already own?

My checklist (above) might not work for someone invited to a one-off special occasion, but there are other avenues to explore. Occasion wear can be hired. We can borrow from friends and family or arrange clothes swaps. For everyday items, the exchanging option might work or trawling through charity and/or vintage clothing shops.

I watch little “reality TV”, but as some-one who has always appreciated “using my hands”, I have enjoyed the light entertainment of BBC’s The Great British Sewing Bee. I am part-way through reading Patrick Grant’s interesting and well-researched book about avoiding over-consumption. (Patrick is one of the judges in the BBC series. The book is entitled “Less” ISBN 978-0-00866400-8).

My eco-journey isn’t at an end, but may change direction in 2025. I’ll finish by thanking all who have shared in my journey. COP 29 is taking place as I write. Let us “tread lightly” on our planet!



**Linda M Arch**

## Christmas at Thornton Manor

Christmas at The Manor in days gone by was probably an extravagant affair with lots of visitors, parties, and dancing in the Music Room – a bit like Downton Abbey perhaps! More recently there were charity events, Christmas parties, the Wirral Christmas Bazaar raising funds for Cancer Research and, in the grounds, the Winter Wonderland.



Sadly after the tragic events of February 2022 nothing was able to take place for over two years. But at long last, although there will be months, probably years, of work required to restore the building, life is returning and The Manor is open once again for business – albeit on a reduced scale.

Years ago one of the highlights of Christmas and New Year was skating on the Manor Lake. Created by the 1st Lord Leverhulme, it was during his son's time that in December 1927, two years after his father's death, The Cheshire Observer first reported the lake had been open to the public to raise funds for the Neston Cottage Hospital. Two years later in February 1929, the same year that the River Dee froze over, the paper carried this report...

### WIRRAL ICE REVELS THOUSANDS AT THORNTON MANOR

*So popular has skating on Thornton Manor lake been since it was generously thrown open to the public by Viscount Leverhulme that more than £256 has been raised for the funds of Neston Cottage Hospital, and other charities. The Manor was the rendezvous of thousands of eager skaters during the weekend, and the scene on the fine 12 acres' lake resembled an ice carnival in full swing. Visitors came by car and on foot, and the attendance rose to its peak in the afternoon, when no less than 1,860 people of all ages, and both sexes, revelled in the novelty of skating, youths in plus fours, and streaming mufflers, girls in warm winter costumes, and grey beards who displayed a truly marvellous proficiency on the ice, while queues of motor cars stretched from the Manor front entrance to Brimstage village, a distance of nearly half a mile.*

*Expert skaters gave special demonstrations on the ice, while the less proficient took many a tumble in the best of spirits. There was another large gathering on Monday, and by Tuesday the number of visitors since Thursday evening had passed the 5,000 mark.*

Charges were 1s per head for adults, and 6d for children. The Echo reported that skaters tried their skill on the lake by the light of powerful flood lights, and warmed themselves at big braziers placed at intervals around the lakeside.

On a later occasion there was a radio concert, using amplifiers placed in two large trees on either side of the lake.

These skaters were photographed in January 1933 when The Cheshire Observer reported that the ice was in excellent condition and several thousands of people had paid the small admission fee in aid of local hospitals.



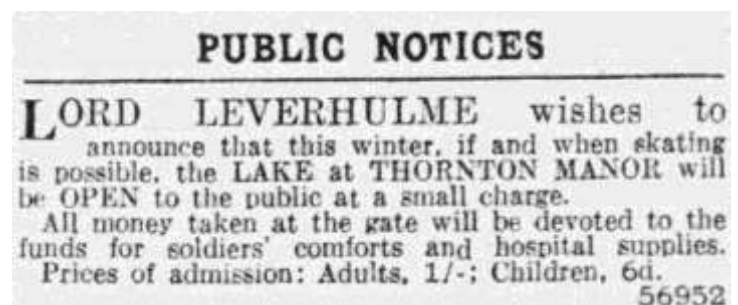
In February 1936, with the entrance charge still just one shilling, The Echo reported that the lake was lit by flares, and receipts amounted to £80, which was shared equally between Neston Cottage Hospital, Heswall's Royal Liverpool Children's Hospital, and the Birkenhead Branch of the Birkenhead

and Wirral Cancer Fund.

In 1940 money taken at the gate was devoted to the funds for soldiers' comforts and hospital supplies.

After the second Viscount died in 1949, it was 1954 before skating on the lake took place again for the first time for several years. Admission was still one shilling, and the proceeds were once again donated to the Friends of Neston Cottage Hospital.

This scene is from 1962 when the lake opened again for skating.



The daily charge was now 2s 6d, and £119 was raised for Clatterbridge Hospital League of Friends of which the 3rd Lord Leverhulme was the President. Perhaps some parishioners remember being there?

Local history tells the tale that when Lady Leverhulme turned up, she had to pay half a crown just like everybody else!

So very cold Winters when the ice was thick enough to allow skating did have its compensations. Perhaps one day it will happen again. In the meantime here are a few of the many Christmas decorations produced by The Wirral Flower Club to decorate The Manor in recent years ...



*Gavin Hunter*



A beautiful night sky with All Saints' Church bathed in the colours of the aurora borealis.

Photograph taken in October 2024 by *Emily Grindod*



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26<sup>th</sup> February  
26<sup>th</sup> March  
23<sup>rd</sup> April  
28<sup>th</sup> May  
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23<sup>rd</sup> July

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All Saints' Church, Thornton Hough



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

### Dates of meetings

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December

**2025**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June

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Sue 0151 342 4800 sue@allsaintsth.org.uk



Babies and toddlers with their carers (mums, dads, grandparents etc)  
All welcome.



# Christmas Word Search



Can you find all the words? - there are a lot to find!

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| BETHLEHEM    | GOLD           | ORNAMENTS  | STAR           |
| CANDLES      | GREETING CARDS | POINSETTIA | STOCKING       |
| CANDY CANE   | HOLLY          | SANTA      | THREE WISE MEN |
| CAROLS       | ICICLES        | SHEPHERDS  | TOBOGGAN       |
| DECORATIONS  | JESUS          | SKATES     | TOYS           |
| EGGNOG       | JOSEPH         | SLEIGH     | TREE           |
| FAMILY       | LIGHTS         | SNOWFLAKES | WREATH         |
| FRANKINCENSE | MANGER         |            |                |
| FRIENDS      | MARY           |            |                |
| FRUITCAKE    |                |            |                |

*The Solution can be found on page 27*



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### Sudoku

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

### The Maze

Can you be a star to help Mary and Joseph find their way to the stable in Bethlehem?



*Solutions on page 27*

# Christmas Quiz

1. What did J.C.Horsley commercially design in 1843?
2. Which monarch was the first to make the annual broadcast to the nation?
3. What did Santa Claus win in 1964?
4. Where in the Bible does it mention the arrival of the Magi?
5. What Christmas item did the London baker Tom Smith invent in 1847?
6. What was Joseph doing when the angel appeared to him?
7. What is the Welsh word for Christmas?
8. Who composed "The Christmas Oratorio"?
9. What is "Viscum Album" better known as?
10. In which film did the song "White Christmas" first feature?
11. Which character left "Coronation Street" on Christmas Day 1987?
12. What is myrrh?
13. In which fictional land is it always winter but never Christmas?
14. In which country did the Poinsettia originate?
15. What were the names of the three wise men?

*Answers on page 28*

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Do not go gentle into that good night,  
Old age should burn and rage at close of day;  
Rage, rage against the dying of the light.

Though wise men at their end know dark is right,  
Because their words had forked no lightning they  
Do not go gentle into that good night.

Good men, the last wave by, crying how bright  
Their frail deeds might have danced in a green bay,  
Rage, rage against the dying of the light.

Wild men who caught and sang the sun in flight,  
And learn, too late, they grieved it on its way,  
Do not go gentle into that good night.

Grave men, near death, who see with blinding sight  
Blind eyes could blaze like meteors and be gay,  
Rage, rage against the dying of the light.

And you, my father, there on the sad height,  
Curse, bless, me now with your fierce tears, I pray.  
Do not go gentle into that good night.  
Rage, rage against the dying of the light.



Augustus John's portrait of  
Dylan Thomas aged 24  
Museum of Wales



Lightning over Swansea  
image: Shane Price

Dylan Marlais Thomas (1914 - 1953) was famous before he was twenty for his poem *And Death Shall Have No Dominion*, in which he imagines all manner of gruesome deaths but insists that the human spirit will somehow outlive the dying of the body. Its unique way with words ("Faith in their hands shall snap in two, And the unicorn evils run them through, Split all ends up they shan't crack") attracted the attention of T.S. Eliot and other luminaries of the literary world.

Born and educated in Swansea, with holidays in Llansteffan with relatives, the young Dylan poured out poetry, inspired by his surroundings, at a prodigious rate, publishing several collections and becoming well-known for readings on the radio. Unfortunately, although popular and much admired, he could not make a living, even as an actor, playwright or journalist, and became entirely dependant on the charity of friends and sponsors, especially historian A.J.P Taylor's wife Margaret.



*Swansea Bay. Thomas was born and educated in Swansea until age 23.*

He is known as the greatest Welsh poet, but although he was a fluent Welsh speaker, he never wrote poetry in Welsh, although his unique turns of phrase and wordplay do suggest Welsh characteristics. He was not good at school and disliked being called Dylan in Welsh, because it sounds like “Dull ‘un” so he always insisted on the English pronunciation.

He was known as a “roistering, drunken and doomed poet”, and much of his roistering and drinking took place in Brown’s Hotel in Laugharne, a village he and his wife fell in love with, and where The Boathouse, his favourite workplace, was bought for him by Margaret Taylor, whose infatuation with him contributed to the breakdown of her marriage to A.J.P. Taylor.



*Brown’s Hotel Laugharne, Dylan’s favourite pub, still has a plaque in his favourite place*



*The Boathouse, Laugharne, on its “breakneck rocks”.*

This poem is popular at funerals, because of its energy and apparent enthusiasm for living life to the full, but beneath it I sense a kind of desperate and impotent fury at a wasted life. He was only 39 when he died, a year after his father. Each interior verse describes a type of man - wise, good, wild and grave - who lets the opportunity for greatness pass him by, and regrets it bitterly, but can only be angry and die unsatisfied. He felt his own “wise” words,

especially plays, had failed to spark; his “green bay” chance of doing “good” great deeds slipped away like a wave of the sea; his “wild” extra-marital behaviour and alcoholism only brought divorce and shame; his brilliant imagination, which could blaze like meteors, was “grave”ly deadened by drink.

So I’m afraid I don’t find this poem as inspiring as others do. It is a perfect example of the villanelle form, brilliantly constructed, impressive, with the repeated lines being alternately statements and exhortations. His radio play *Under Milk Wood* is a masterpiece, as are many of his poems. He was so talented so young, but drowned his gifts in drink.

***Caroline Lancelyn Green***

## Cookery Corner

### BUTTER BEAN AND TURMERIC STEW

½ teaspoon rapeseed oil

1 onion finely sliced, 2 cloves garlic

2 x 400gm tins butter beans, drained and rinsed

200mls light coconut milk, 200mls vegetable stock

180gms shredded kale, small chopped red chilli

Thumb-sized piece of ginger, peeled and cut into matchsticks

2 teaspoons ground turmeric, 1 teaspoon ground coriander

Fry the onion and garlic gently in the oil for 2 mins adding the ginger and chilli and fry till golden. Stir in the turmeric and coriander.

Add the beans, coconut milk, stock and kale. Simmer with lid on for 10 mins.

Remove the lid and simmer for another 2 mins to reduce the stew if you like.

Check the seasoning and serve with wedges of lime or lemon.



### CRANBERRY AND ORANGE MUFFINS

*(Why not use your Christingle orange for this?)*

1½ teaspoons ground cinnamon

2 tablespoons sugar, 275g self raising flour

1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda

1 teaspoon baking powder, 100g caster sugar

Zest and juice of an orange

100g fresh cranberries

1 large egg, 100 ml sunflower oil, 150 ml milk



Preheat oven to 200°C. Gas 6. Line a 12 hole muffin tin with paper cases.

Mix ½ teaspoon of the cinnamon with the caster sugar in a small bowl, ready for the topping.

Sift the flour, bicarb, baking powder, 1 teaspoon of cinnamon and a pinch of salt into a mixing bowl.

Stir in the sugar, cranberries and orange zest.

Beat the egg with the oil, milk and orange juice and add to the dry ingredients. Mix by folding in gently with a metal spoon.

Divide between the paper cases and sprinkle with the sugar cinnamon mix.

Bake for 20 to 25 minutes until golden brown with crunchy, crispy tops. Remove from tin and allow to cool a little on a wire rack.



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## Origin of Hymns No 5: *When I survey the wondrous cross*

In my last article (Charles Wesley) I mentioned Isaac Watts (1674-1748), who lived a generation before Wesley, and has often been acclaimed as 'The Father of British Hymnody.' He wrote many famous hymns, perhaps the best known being '*When I survey the Wondrous Cross*.'

He was born in Southampton to strongly non-Conformist parents (his father was twice imprisoned for his views), and was a bright and intelligent pupil at King Edward VI School, learning French, Latin and Hebrew before the age of 11.



*Watt's Park, Southampton*

Being non-Conformist, he was not allowed to attend Oxford or Cambridge Universities. So he continued studying in London at 'The Dissenting Academy of Stoke Newington,' later becoming Pastor at Mark Lane Congregational church. He was to remain in that area for most of his life. However he held religious opinions that were more non-denominational than was common for a non-Conformist Congregationalist. He had a greater interest in promoting education and scholarship than preaching for any particular sect.

He became disillusioned by the way psalms were being sung and stated 'The singing of God's praise is the part of worship most closely related to heaven, but the performance of it the worst on earth'. He wrote over 600 hymns many of which made a strong and triumphant statement of Christian faith.



*Watt's statue in Abney Park, Stoke Newington, London*





Issac Watt

Our hymn is significant for being an innovative departure from the early English hymn style of only using paraphrased Biblical texts, although the first couplet of the second verse paraphrases Galatians 6:14a and the second couplet of the fourth verse paraphrases Galatians 6:14b.

In 1707 Isaac Watt wrote ‘*When I survey the Wondrous Cross.*’ Only 16 lines long (an extra verse was rejected before 1800), it is a deeply moving, and very personal expression of gratitude for the amazing love that Christ’s death on the cross revealed. It portrays a deep personal commitment in the line ‘***Demands my soul, my life, my all.***’

Among his other hymns are :

- “*Joy to the World*”,
- O God our help in ages past*”,
- and ‘*Jesus shall reign where’er the sun*’.

The origin of the tune for “When I survey the wondrous cross” - ‘Rockingham’ that we use today is not clear (the place is a castle just outside Corby in Northamptonshire) but we know it was harmonised in about 1790 by Edward Miller (born Norwich 1735). Miller was the son of a paviour who studied music in Kings Lynn. He was a flautist in an orchestra in Huddersfield and later in one of Georg Frederic Handel’s orchestras. He took a post as organist at St. George’s Minster, Doncaster and remained there for 50 years, and died there in 1807. He composed many hymns and some Sonatas for harpsichord.



Edward Miller

**Brian Moate**

References : Galatians 6 : 14, Roman 5 : 6-11 and Matthew 10 : 37-39.

## From the Registers October—November 2024

### **Thanksgiving for Children**

20<sup>th</sup> October 2024      Jayden and Kobe **Richards**

### **Weddings**

12<sup>th</sup> October 2024      Martin Richard **COAN** and Lynda Joan **YOUNG**

23<sup>rd</sup> November 2024      Mark Paul **AGNEW** and Susan **ARMSTRONG**

### **Burials**

	Died	Age	Buried
Alan John <b>PARKINSON</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	79	24 <sup>th</sup> October 2024

Another year nearly gone, how the time flies!

Our Craft Group had another two exciting sessions in October. They were joined by Linda Hagley and Anne Porter from Wirral Linus Project to help the group learn about quilting and the techniques used to make small quilts to be handed out through Linus to children on the Wirral. The ladies, kindly came loaded with kits already cut out. They helped us all with how to put the quilts together and how to stitch them and edge them. We then took our quilts home to complete. Items knitted by THWI craft group were distributed in July to Arrowe Park Neonatal and Labour Ward, Women's Refuge, ♥4Refugees, Family and Nurse partnership. Photographs are on THWI Facebook page .

Our monthly meeting in October gave us the opportunity to learn more about the history of the design and building of Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King. Entertaining and informative Cathedral guide Veronica Cuthbert took us from the original design by Sir Edwin Lutyens in 1933, which when completed would have made it the second largest church in the world, to its completion in 1967 to a smaller, revised design by Sir Frederick Gibberd after the interruption of WWII. The building costs at today's values are estimated to be in the region of a staggering three billion pounds! Our speaker declined any reward for her presentation; however, she was delighted to receive generous donations from our ladies towards the Cathedral Foodbank MICAH, which works with both of the city's cathedrals.

In November THWI ladies enjoyed a Festive shopping afternoon at John Lewis in Liverpool. Meeting in the Style Studio we were given a talk on Autumn Winter Fashion, advice on lingerie, and the top festive gifts for this Christmas. We enjoyed an optional gin tasting session and time for leisurely shopping. Despite the wintry weather outside we had a lovely afternoon in the company of like-minded people.

Our evening meeting in November was our Annual Meeting when we appoint our Officers and Committee for the coming year, followed by time to wind down and socialise and enjoy a good WI chinwag accompanied by the obligatory tea and scrumptious cakes made by our ladies!

**OUR NEXT EVENING MEETING** will be on **Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 pm.** Visitors welcome.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year, from everyone at Thornton Hough Women's Institute.

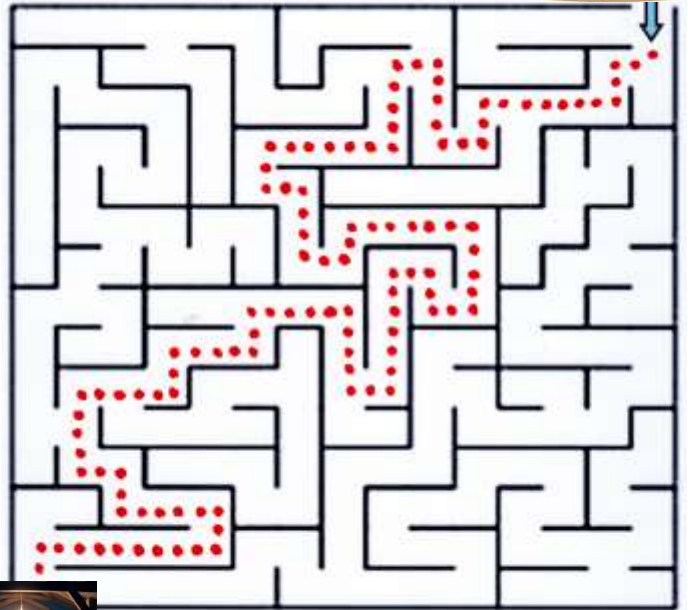
If you would like more information about Thornton Hough WI and to see photographs of our activities and events please go to:

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# Puzzle Solutions



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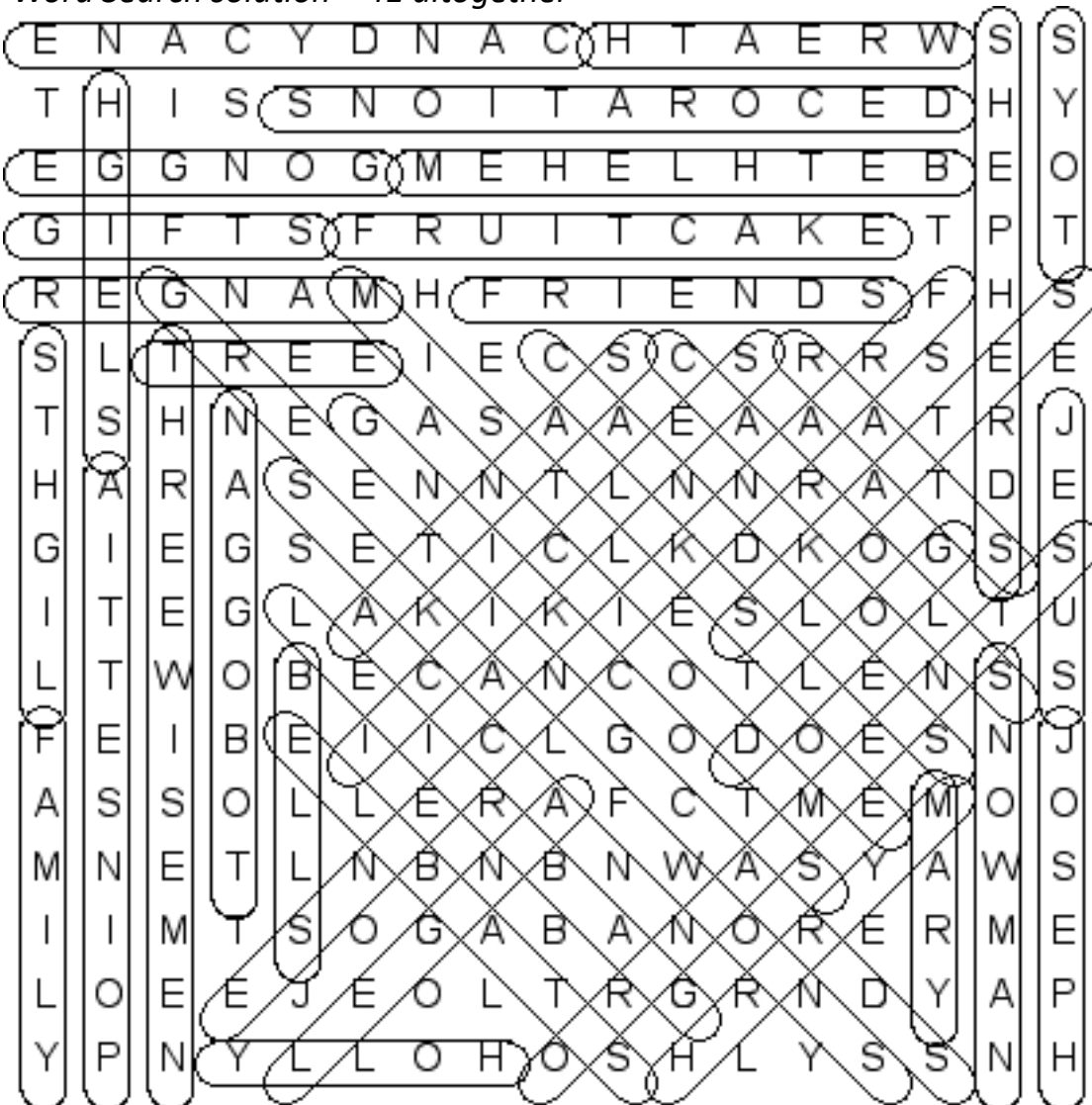


**Sudoku**



**Mary & Joseph's route to Bethlehem**

Word Search solution - 41 altogether



## Christmas Quiz Answers

- |                       |                        |                                  |
|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Christmas card     | 6. sleeping            | 11. Hilda Ogden                  |
| 2. George V in 1932   | 7. "Nadolig"           | 12. Tree resin used as Incense   |
| 3. The Epsom Derby    | 8. J.S. Bach           | 13. Narnia                       |
| 4. Matthew 2 v: 1 –12 | 9. Mistletoe           | 14. Mexico                       |
| 5. Christmas crackers | 10. Holiday Inn (1942) | 15. Balthasar, Melchior & Caspar |



Roberta Jones has asked if any of our readers recognise this building. She thinks it is *Smithy Cottage in Brimstage*.

Do any of our readers know if this is correct or know where it is?

Please contact the editor if you can help ([editor@allsaintsth.org.uk](mailto:editor@allsaintsth.org.uk)).

## All Saints' Parish Calendar 2025

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*The Editorial Team*




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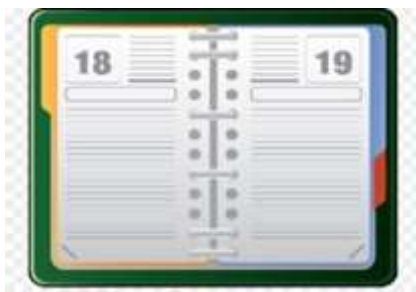
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# Parish Diary

## December 2024 — January 2025

### December

<b>1</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Advent Sunday</b>	8:00am	Holy Communion
			10:30am	Service of readings and music for Advent
<b>4</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>		10:30am	Holy Communion
<b>5</b>	<b>Thursday</b>		7:00pm	Choir Practice
<b>6</b>	<b>Friday</b>		7:00pm	WUTH Charity Concert in Church
<b>8</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>	10:30am	Holy Communion
			4:00pm	Christingle Service
<b>9</b>	<b>Monday</b>		10:00am	Toybox
<b>10</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>		7:30pm	PCC Meeting
<b>11</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>		10:30am	Holy Communion
			2:30pm	Merry Christmas: Mince Pies and Carols
<b>13</b>	<b>Friday</b>		7:00pm	Choir Practice
<b>15</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>	8:00am	Holy Communion
			10:30am	Holy Communion
<b>18</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>		10:30am	Holy Communion
<b>20</b>	<b>Friday</b>		7:00pm	Choir Practice
<b>22</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>	10:30am	Holy Communion
			4:30pm	Choir Practice
			6:00pm	Service of readings and carols for Christmas
<b>24</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Christmas Eve</b>	11:00pm	"Midnight" Holy Communion
<b>25</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Christmas Day</b>	10:30am	Holy Communion for Christmas Day
<b>29</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>First Sunday of Christmas</b>	10:30am	Holy Communion

### January 2025

<b>1</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	Bank Holiday. No service of Holy Communion
<b>3</b>	<b>Friday</b>	7:00pm Choir Practice



## January 2025

5	Sunday	<b>Epiphany</b>	8:00am Holy Communion
			10:30am Holy Communion
8	Wednesday		10:30am Holy Communion
10	Friday		7:00pm Choir Practice
12	Sunday	<b>Baptism of Christ / First Sunday of Epiphany</b>	10:30am Holy Communion
			6:30pm Choral Evensong
13	Monday		10:30am Toybox
15	Wednesday		10:30am Holy Communion
17	Friday		7:00pm Choir Practice
18	Saturday		Start of the week of prayer for Christian Unity
19	Sunday	<b>Second Sunday of Epiphany</b>	8:00am Holy Communion
			10:30am Holy Communion
22	Wednesday		10:30am Coffee Morning
24	Friday		7:00pm Choir Practice
25	Saturday		End of the week of prayer for Christian Unity
26	Sunday	<b>Third Sunday of Epiphany</b>	10:30am Holy Communion
29	Wednesday		10:30am Holy Communion
31	Friday		7:00pm Choir Practice

## February

2	Sunday	<b>Presentation of Christ in the Temple / Candlemas</b>	8:00am Holy Communion
			10:30am Holy Communion
5	Wednesday		10:30am Holy Communion
7	Friday		7:00pm Choir Practice

Thank you to all those who have contributed to this edition of *The Magazine*. Contributions for future editions of *The Magazine* are very welcome. Articles may be submitted in any reasonable format and should not be subject to any copyright restrictions.

**The deadline for submission of materials for the next edition is  
Tuesday February 11<sup>th</sup> 2025**

All Saints' Church Thornton Hough

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December

# Merry Christmas Carols and Mince Pies

Everybody welcome in the Parish Hall  
2:30pm to 4:00pm Tickets £2

Come and join us for a good sing!

Admission includes a drink and  
a mince pie or biscuit

## Morning Prayer at All Saints'

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

Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays  
at 9.15am.

It is a very peaceful way of starting the day.

### Thank You

We have been asked to include a big thank you to all who supported the recent T4U Shoeboxes Coffee Morning held in the WI hall. It was well attended and everybody enjoyed themselves. Nearly £600 was raised to help cover the cost of buying "goodies" for the shoeboxes. Well done, everyone.



## Sunday Bible Readings

### December—January

#### December

1

#### **Advent Sunday**

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Luke 21:25-36

8

#### **Second Sunday of Advent**

Philippians 1:3-11

Luke 3:1-6

15

#### **Third Sunday of Advent**

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:7-18

22

#### **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-45

24

#### **Christmas Eve**

Isaiah 52: 7-10

John 1:1-14

25

#### **Christmas Day**

Isaiah 9:2-7

Luke 2:1-14

29

#### **First Sunday of Christmas**

Colossians 3:12-17

Luke 2:41-52

#### January

5

#### **Epiphany**

Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-12

12

#### **Baptism of Christ**

#### **First Sunday of Epiphany**

Acts 8:14-17

Luke 3:5-17, 21-22

19

#### **Second Sunday of Epiphany**

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

John 2:1-11

26

#### **Third Sunday of Epiphany**

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Luke 4:14-21

#### February

2

#### **Candlemas / Presentation of Christ in the Temple**

Hebrews 2:14-18

Luke 2:22-40

The Editorial Team would like to wish you all a very peaceful  
Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We hope that this season of “Good Will” brings good health,  
joy and much happiness to everybody.

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