

All Saints' Church Thornton Hough

The Magazine



June — July 2021



Welcome letter from the Vicar

Here Comes Summer!

What are you looking forward to the most about summer?

It is with some excitement and not a little trepidation that we begin to step into our summer months. June and July: the time of long days, heat hazes and the drone of lawnmowers; roses blooming, Wimbledon and strawberries, end of term celebrations in schools, the prospect of holidays.



There has been much written in the press about staycations being the new fashion for holidays this year: going along the roads less travelled to explore the beauty of British scenery, perhaps staying in a B&B or camping or caravanning. Maybe you will choose to stay at home rather than go away: this looks like the year for having adventures which might not stray so far from home.

However you decide to enjoy the time, summer is definitely on its way, even if June is less than “flaming” this year. And let’s make it a time of joy, whatever we do and whatever the weather. Despite any uncertainties we may feel about what lies ahead, we can be assured that God is with us:

“It was you who set all the boundaries of the earth;
you made both summer and winter.” (Psalm 74:17)

The months ahead offer us the chance to adventure in new ways, both individually and as a church. It would be wonderful to share what has been special for you over these coming months. Is your adventure going to be one which sets off in your imagination, an adventure expressed through a new skill or craft, or out on the roads and byways? Whose company will you seek in these longer days? What new friendships might be forged, both for each of us, and for our church? What enduring pictures will you keep in your memory, if not on your camera?

Here comes summer! Adventure awaits!

With Love and Blessings

Vicky



Notes on the PCC meetings on 13th April and 20th April

The lockdown was continuing and the PCC met via Zoom again. We continue to keep all members informed about what is happening, even if they are not able to join the Zoom meetings, and all have had the chance to vote on proposals.

The meeting on 13th April started with a review of the worship. We resumed services in church on 21st March, Passion Sunday, so we were back in church for Holy Week. We compared attendance with the last time we were in church for these services:

	2021	2019 (at the end of the interregnum)
Sunday 10:30am	An average of 34 people, with 40 at Easter	An average of 58 (including between 2 and 6 children less than 18)
Wednesday services	10	8
Maundy Thursday	19	20
Good Friday meditation	23	22
Sunday 8am	11	10

At present the choir can sing but the congregation is not allowed to sing and we still do not know when this will be allowed again.

The numbers since we returned are steady; we have a committed core which is a positive. The numbers attending are manageable; 48 is about the maximum that we can accommodate safely with the social distancing required due to Covid. We have not had as many wedding couples attending and forward planning continues to be difficult because we are still in a state of flux and uncertainty.

Liturgy workshop. This remains in the action plan for when we are able to meet again and we have settled into a new routine. Every week we have had new handout sheets because of Covid safety and this has had the advantage of exposing people to a wider variety of liturgy; comments have been favourable with people liking the variety. Vicky would like us to think about what we would like to include in a regular set of booklets and what would be good for special occasions only; she would appreciate feedback. It was agreed that there is merit in having seasonal change.

Children's groups. We still haven't been able to restart the children's groups due to the restrictions and Vicky plans to speak to the leaders about the way forward once we have an idea of how we are allowed to proceed. She is keen to build an All-Age pattern of worship into our regular services; new families are moving into the area.

Weddings and Baptisms should start to come back again, although the Vicar has had texts and calls from people asking to defer until 2022.

Changes to the way weddings are registered started at the beginning of May. Our church registers will be formally closed and one of the books and all the unused papers returned to the Registry Office. The Banns system for church weddings remains unchanged. For UK nationals/people with EU Settled Status, couples will simply complete a downloaded Marriage Document with their details before the wedding, which will be signed and witnessed on their wedding day. The completed Marriage Document will then be returned to the Registry Office who will issue the marriage certificate.

Annual meetings. The date of the Annual Meetings had been changed to Sunday 23rd May so that people could meet in person and on Zoom rather than only on Zoom. Vicky hoped that when reading the Annual Report we would see that, in spite of the lockdown, some good things had been happening. We should give thanks for this as well as grieving the loss of individuals over the last year.

The PCC were very sorry to hear that Freda Jenkins had died and sympathies were offered to Brian and family.

There were 92 names on the electoral roll in April.

Finance Report. There was a reduction of 6% in the level of giving due to a drop in giving via standing orders and by envelopes. We have lost some regular donors due to deaths, but there have been some small increases in standing order giving. Some weekly envelopes had not been received since the beginning of the year because people were not back in church but since re-opening a few of these had been received.

We are not in a strong financial position. There was a deficit in the budget of £6,000 at the end of the first quarter and we have some challenges. We could run out of available money by September if we want to address the most urgent problems with our buildings:

- Getting the church heating working. (The church heating has a fault).
- Repairing the wall. The insurers have claimed that the collapse of the wall on Church Road is due to wear and tear and they will not pay out. We need a faculty for the repair and we need to liaise with the Church Architect. This is actively being pursued.
- Clearing the blocked church downpipe.

Our Finance Policy requires us to have £16,000 in unrestricted funds; this could be breached before September. We still hadn't received the Quinquennial report which we expect will highlight further problems.

Due to the seriousness of the financial situation Vicky spoke to the Archdeacon, Mike Gilbertson and the PCC met again to discuss the finances.

Mike said he was happy to come to a PCC meeting to help put the finances into perspective. He asked about our investments and suggested selling some. He also suggested that we consider changing some of the less well-performing M&G shares to CCLA which have been doing consistently well, even in this financial downturn. CCLA work with charities, churches and Local Authorities and are ethical investors

Parish Share. Technically, this is a voluntary donation, and we are at liberty to reduce what we pay to the Diocese, but there would be consequences. Mike confirmed that at the point where a new vicar was sought, we would not get another full time incumbent if we reduced our share. Furthermore, the current incumbent could be called upon to take on an additional parish.

The conversation with Mike Gilbertson was very positive and the sort of activity that we are considering (selling assets) is quite common amongst other churches.

The Treasurer has spoken with Sharon Taylor-Booth, one of the accountants at the Diocese Finance Office, and she has confirmed that we are, subject to the agreement of the Diocese Board of Finance, able to sell some of our investments to provide cash to enable us to proceed with the essential repair work. Depending on the way these funds were established, we may also need the agreement of the Charity Commission to do this. Our income is not keeping up with our outgoings at the moment, although for the last two years we did just manage to almost break even.

Over the last 18 months our income from voluntary giving has been down and after the annual meeting the new PCC will need to have a serious look at the finances. The PCC were asked to think about ways in which we could raise more money. Realistically the church needs more people to help to support it. Liquidating some of our assets will reduce our income in the future. Last year we received £12,000 in investment income. If the Quinquennial Report says that the rainwater goods need repairing we will need to start seeking grants.

Our main investment is worth £350,000. If we sold £50,000 of investments then the interest we receive would be proportionately less.

The PCC passed a resolution:

All Saints' PCC resolves that it wishes to sell up to £50,000 of its investments to meet current demands on its finances. The PCC empowers the Standing Committee to act on its behalf to decide the total amount to sell, not exceeding £50,000, and which investments to sell.

The actual amount realised will be decided once we know the cost of the wall repair.

The current situation is challenging. As things begin to ease and open up again we pray that God will help us to find our way forward and to reach out to the community both here locally and beyond the parish boundaries.

Sue Stinson
PCC Secretary



ACF

A church fellowship for anyone from anywhere

In my report for the last Church Magazine, I was making plans for a gradual re-introduction to ACF meetings and coffee mornings. I had hoped to be able to give you some more definite plans this time round but as the future is still uncertain, I cannot as yet let you know when meetings can resume.

I will be watching very carefully the situation following more relaxation measures by the Government on May 17th and hope that we may have more guidance regarding meeting in the Church Hall as we head into June.

As soon as I have any more details, I will try and get in touch with as many of you as possible; any updates will be announced in future magazines, on the website or weekly Service Sheets.

Helen Tankard

The Annual Meetings on 23rd May 2021

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners began in prayer then Pam Machin and Alan Splitt were elected as the churchwardens for the coming year.

Alice Jones was thanked for her years of service as a churchwarden and Pam was thanked for being willing to continue.

Due to the pandemic the Diocese is unable to hold the usual visitation services this year and, following a dispensation from Bishop Mark, the churchwardens were sworn into office at the meeting.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

The Financial Report for 2020 and the Annual Report for 2020 had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

Vicky thanked everyone who had helped to lead the church throughout a challenging period. She reported that there were 98 names on the electoral roll on 31st December 2020. Despite all that happened in 2020 there had been some wonderful events and people had shown love for each other and worked together. We had managed to meet in person for some special services including the Advent Carol Service, the Service of Lessons and Carols and the Service for the Faithful Departed. Harvest had been a particularly joyous time- food was contributed to the foodbank and flowers and produce from people's gardens had been used to decorate the church.

Iain and Sue Stinson were thanked for all they had done to help keep in touch with people. Iain had sent regular communications out and had posted material on the website. A huge vote of thanks was given to Vicky for her immense commitment, for producing the material and filming the online services and for keeping in touch with everyone.

Financial statements for the year ending 31st December 2020.

Iain Stinson was thanked for all that he had done as Treasurer and Charles Elphick was thanked all his hard work as the Independent Examiner.

Verity Smith has agreed to take on the role of Independent Examiner for 2021.

The pandemic has had a devastating effect on the finances and, although we managed to avoid a huge deficit at the end of the year there are underlying problems. The return on the investments is poor at the moment and the new PCC will need to consider the financial situation very carefully. The Treasurer asked people, if they were able, to reconsider what they were able to give.

Fabric and Health and Safety.

Darren Jones is stepping down as leader of the Fabric Health and Safety Team. Darren and the team were thanked for all they had done. The Quinquennial report has now been received and is being examined.

Margaret Gamble was thanked for all she has done in keeping the church and the Parish Hall safe throughout the pandemic and keeping a watchful eye on things.

Victor's support has also been appreciated. Margaret has made sure that the funerals have run smoothly. The joy of having weddings in church has had to be put on hold but hopefully there are signs that they will come back soon.

Iain Stinson and Peter Arch were re-elected as **members of the PCC** and Helen Tankard was welcomed as a new member. There is still a vacancy on the PCC and people were encouraged to go away and think whether they could contribute in this way.

We are looking forward to the time when we can all celebrate together again. There may be new opportunities and Vicky thanked everyone for all that has gone before and all that is to come.

The PCC meeting after the Annual Meeting

This meeting was convened to appointment PCC officers and members of some committees. The PCC and officers are now as follows:

Name		Officers and Committees
Revd Vicky Barrett	Vicar	Chairman of the PCC, Standing Committee Ex officio member of all committees
Pam Machin	Churchwarden	Vice Chairman of the PCC, Standing Committee, Remuneration Subcommittee, Prayer and Pastoral Care Group
Alan Splitt	Churchwarden	Standing Committee, Remuneration Subcommittee, Prayer and Pastoral Care Group
Iain Stinson	Representative of the laity	Treasurer, Standing Committee
Sue Stinson	Deanery Synod representative	PCC Secretary, Standing Committee
Godfrey Allan-Price	Deanery Synod representative	Fabric Team, Remuneration Subcommittee
Elly Macbeath	Deanery Synod representative	Electoral Roll Officer
Peter Arch	Representative of the laity	Fabric Team
Rachel Brothwell	Representative of the laity	Fabric Team
Margaret Gamble	Representative of the laity	
Di Hughes	Representative of the laity	Standing Committee
Lucinda Russell	Representative of the laity	
Helen Tankard	Representative of the laity	

The management of the finances will be addressed at the next PCC meeting.

Linda Arch has agreed to continue as the Safeguarding Officer.

Graham Seagrave has agreed to continue as the Health and Safety Officer.

Graham Tongue has agreed to join the Fabric and Health and Safety Team.

Sue Stinson
PCC Secretary

A Message of Hope from School

From the Headteacher, Will Lowe



Being a keen adventurer, I have missed the challenge of my pre-pandemic jaunts into Snowdonia to climb the peaks. However, becoming the new Headteacher at Thornton Hough Primary School in November has certainly kept me occupied, the opportunity presenting itself at a time of great challenge to us all.

I have witnessed a stoic response from the community to this shared challenge, despite the very different experiences that individuals and families have encountered. Indeed, I have learnt during this time that everyone has had their own unique journey during unsettled times.

It was so sad to have to close our doors to most of the children in January. Just as you would expect, new challenges for the school emerged, including provision of remote learning and exploring new ways of supporting our children and families at a time of detachment.

Renewed hope emerged when Thornton Hough Primary School reopened to all children in March. The return of the joy and laughter of friends playing together again in the playground and a sense of happiness suddenly filled the void that the lockdown created. The children have been an example to us all and they have inspired us with their resilience, their patience and ability to adapt.



We now look forward to brighter times, to opportunities that have been placed on hold, and to a route back to 'normality'. As restrictions loosen and opportunities open up, we look forward as a school to being more visible in the community again. The children are so excited to take part in all the things that they have missed so much – the trips to The Green, the visits to the church, the extra-curricular opportunities and the school trips to places further afield. Adventures await us all.



Two Poems from Children at Thornton Hough Primary School

Just like physical,
Everyone has mental health;
Whether they are poor,
Or if they have wealth.

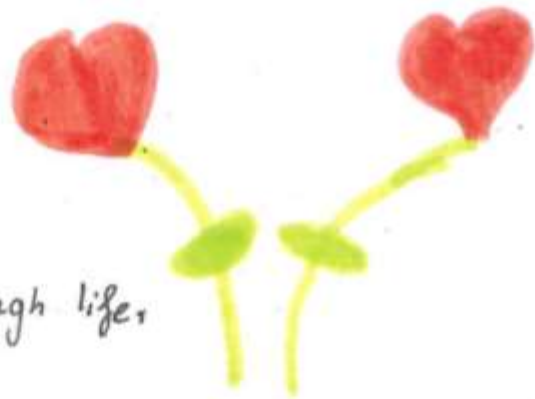
It is about your mind,
And how you feel,
As soft as snow,
Or as hard as steel.



When you are struggling,
Or you are trying to cope,
Don't give up,
Just battle with hope.



But if you're unwell,
Just ask for help,
Then try to grow,
Just like a help.



So try to feel safe,
And be positive through life,
Try be a sword,

And cut through your worries like a knife.

Mental health,
How you feel,
As soft as snow,
Or as hard as steel...



Just Ask!



Spread your wings, jump and fly,
The way to win every battle is to try!
If obstacles stand in your path,
Step in front and push them back.

You are great! Never forget that,
Don't let people stand on you like
a mat.



Just remember to always be strong,
and your life will be long.

Never
Give up!

If you are ever sad,
Or even slightly mad,



Just Ask!

Be
Happy!



Richard Burnett,
Partner, Hillyer
McKeown

Hello Everyone!

It strikes me that, as our population is living longer, it is more important than ever to think about our mental and physical health and wellbeing. Below, I have put together some practical steps you can take to protect yourself and your loved ones.

Making a Will can be a difficult thing to think and talk about, but putting in place well thought out plans can offer peace of mind, knowing your wishes will be carried out in the way you want them to be.

My advice is to not wait until things change, but to plan ahead. Welcoming a grandchild, downsizing your home or thinking about care home fees are life events that can typically remind people to update or make a Will. We also help people through difficult moments in their lives, following the death of loved ones.

Trust & Estate Planning

Seeking advice on planning for the future for you and your loved ones?

We regularly support people who are seeking advice about inheritance and succession planning, or who are unsure what to do if a family member has become ill or can no longer make their own decisions.

You might also want to consider a Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) legal document. An LPA allows you to choose one or more people to make decisions for you including about property of finances, or act on your behalf if you cannot deal with matters yourself.

Business Wills

If you have a Will, does it protect both your personal and business assets?

If you (or a family member) own a business our unique Business Will service can set out detailed plans for you and your business.



Speak to us about protecting yourself, your loved ones and your business should something unexpected happen.



What to do next?

Contact us for a free, no obligation discussion with a member of our Wills and Probate team in Birkenhead, Chester or if you prefer, in your own home.



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A Spring Message

Thornton Hough Women's Institute have taken advantage of the Lockdown and reduced use of their village centre WI hall to deep clean, undertake general maintenance work, and to give the interior a fresh coat of paint, purchasing a range of new items of furniture to make the hall more comfortable and inviting.

Thornton Hough WI hall is now a COVID 19 secure centre - hand sanitizer is available and the wearing of masks and social distancing is required. This means we have been delighted to welcome back some of our smaller classes with the recent relaxing of government guidelines. We also hope to restart our Tuesday Craft Afternoons very soon.

Following Covid restrictions we were also able to treat our ladies to a fun Christmas Goody bag and an Easter basket each (crocheted by one of the committee) filled with cream eggs together with a potted plant. We are planning a new and exciting programme of events for 2021 and are looking forward to welcoming members and visitors as soon as guidelines permit. We normally meet on the first Tuesday of the month and meetings start at 7.30pm. Look out for updates on the WI notice board outside the hall.

You will be made very welcome!

Janet Gaywood, President

Thoughts for the month of June

As we start the month of June we can look forward to the ending of the Government imposed Lockdown. The warmer weather and longer days should give us more time to enjoy the freedom of movement. There is so much to admire in the coming weeks. Our spirits should be lifted by seeing the bright flowers in our gardens, hedgerows and meadows and hearing the birds singing in the treetops. Let us give thanks to the Lord for all our blessings and to enjoy the weeks ahead.

June has over 20 saints remembered with the most famous being St Peter on 29th June and St John the Baptist on 24th June.

A "Summer" Quiz



1. Name the fictional seaside town in the Australian sitcom *Home and Away*?
2. By what two names is the character Puck also known in the play *A Midsummer Night's Dream*?
3. Castel Gandolfo is famous for being whose summer residence?
4. London have hosted the Summer Olympic Games three times. Can you name the years?
5. Name the cities which hosted the following Summer Olympics: (a) 1952, (b)1960, (c)1972, and (d)1988?
6. What is the Italian word for Summer?
7. The Summer Palace is a vast ensemble of palaces, gardens and lakes in which world city?
8. In the famous nursery rhyme what did the Queen of Hearts make 'all on a summer's day'?
9. What are the summer signs of the Zodiac? (three answers needed)
10. 'The First Day of Summer' is an annual public holiday celebrated in which European country in April?
11. Which feast day falls on July 15th every year?
12. Who was credited with saving 77 lives during seven summers working as a lifeguard at Lowell Park, Illinois, starting in 1926?
13. Which novel is told partly by its heroine Esther Summerson?
14. The "dog days of summer" are named after the Dog Star; what is the better known name of this star?
15. What term is often given to a period of dry hot weather that occurs in the autumn?
16. "Shall I compare thee to a summer's day' is the first line of which William Shakespeare sonnet?
17. What was the first name of Clegg in the sitcom *Last of the Summer Wine*?
18. The summer solstice occurs in the Southern Hemisphere during which month?

Answers can be found on Page 27

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Yes, I remember Adlestrop -
 The name, because one afternoon
 Of heat the express-train drew up there
 Unwontedly. It was late June.

The steam hissed. Someone cleared his throat.
 No one left and no one came
 On the bare platform. What I saw
 Was Adlestrop - only the name

And willow, willow-herb, and grass,
 And meadowsweet, and haycocks dry,
 No whit less still and lonely fair
 Than the high cloudlets in the sky.

And for that minute a blackbird sang,
 Close by, and round him, mistier
 Farther and farther, all the birds
 Of Oxfordshire and Gloucestershire.

Edward Thomas's delightful little poem is very popular for a number of reasons. Born in 1878 he was a naturalist and journalist and in 1914 he was on his way to interview the famous American poet Robert Frost, who was living near Ledbury, by the Malvern Hills. The London to Worcester express unexpectedly stopped two thirds of the way, at the little Cotswold village on the border between two counties, and Thomas as usual entered everything in his notebook. Frost encouraged his visitor to write poetry, and this is the result.



Meadowsweet, mead wort,
 Queen of the Meadow



Haycocks and Sun
 by Norman Garstin c. 1886



Rose Bay Willowherb

Like much of Frost's own poetry, Adlestrop is about a particular moment, a single minute, when time seems to stop. Six weeks before the start of the first World War the peaceful, typical English landscape is poignant in its simplicity - meadowsweet by the River Evenlode, willowherb on the railway embankment, birds starting the evening chorus.

The "Yes" at the beginning makes the poem sound personal, as if in answer to a question, and the short sentences give a colloquial, matter-of-fact tone: "It was late June. The steam hissed. Someone cleared his throat."

Like his hero Robert Frost, Edward Thomas uses a simple word to encompass a wealth of meaning. Like the "But" in *Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening*, here is the magically ironic "only". Because of course what he saw was not nobody and nothing besides the name, but a representation of everything and everyone, a vast landscape of normality. The words he chooses are far from normal though. The common weeds and everyday work of farmers are described in a lyrical, old-fashioned and consciously poetical way "No whit less still and lonely fair Than the high cloudlets", as though the sight has taken his mind back to a bygone era. As though they are already gone. Using the visual adjective "mistier" to describe the sound of birdsong makes you blink, especially when you realise that he died in the war before this, his most famous poem, could be published.

Visitors to Adlestrop from all over the world are disappointed to find that Dr Beeching closed its station in the 1960's. Since the centenary of the writing of this poem however, there is a memento from the Chelsea Flower Show.



Chelsea Flower Show exhibit at Adlestrop The inscription reads:
Yes, I remember the name Edward Thomas recalls Midsummer Day 1914.

Caroline Lancelyn Green

MY MUM'S SAGE AND ONION STUFFING

180 g cooked onions = 3 small/1 very large/ 3 medium

150 g breadcrumbs

80 g suet

Salt and pepper

1 egg

8 tsp fresh sage, finely chopped (or equivalent dried sage)



Boil chopped onions for 5 min

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 separately or with your meat eg chicken, pork

Cook for approx. 30 min or until done

All quantities may be adjusted, of course!

MY MUM'S QUAKER OAT CAKE



As a child I remember one day of the week being 'Baking Day' when Mum produced all kinds of cakes, buns and pastries. This is one of the variations on Jam Tarts. Instead of just adding jam to your pastry cases, try adding this topping to a smaller quantity of jam.

Mix equal quantities of:

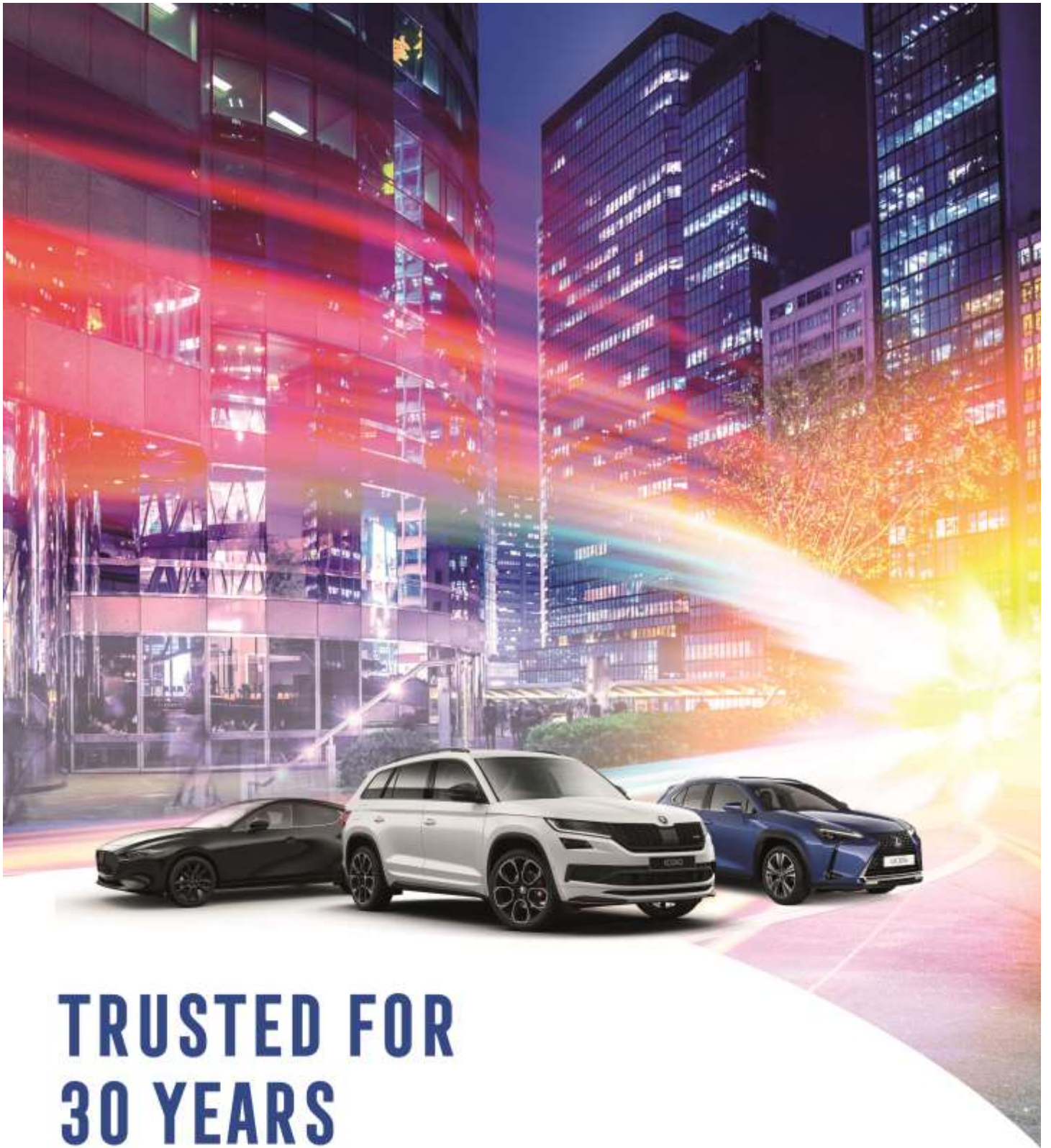
Caster sugar, Margarine or butter, Porridge oats

For the above batch I used 8 oz of each. Add a few drops of vanilla essence.

Bake as you would do for jam tarts.

Good luck!

Val Peter



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A Memorable Day – Meeting Albert Schweitzer

In October 1961, while I was serving in HMS Diana in West Africa, we visited the Gabon port of Libreville and during that port call some of us from the ship had the opportunity of visiting Dr Albert Schweitzer's mission hospital at Lambarene.

Those of you who are of my generation will of course recognise his name, but may I remind you of some of his achievements: he was born in France in 1875 and studied Theology and Philosophy at the universities of Paris, Strasbourg and Berlin. He also became a world-renowned authority on



music and was an accomplished organist. At the age of thirty, however, he commenced new studies in medicine and on qualifying, went out to Gabon, then a French African colony, to establish the hospital and effectively spent the rest of his long life there. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1952 and in 1955 was made an honorary member of our Order of Merit.

Our party was flown from Libreville to Lambarene by the Gabon Air Force in a transport aircraft with few modern-day passenger comforts. Lambarene is situated about thirty miles south of the Equator on the banks of the River Ogowe. On arrival at the town's airport, we transferred briefly to lorries, which took us to the river where we then embarked in boats for the final stage of our journey to the famous hospital.

Dr Schweitzer, who was by then 85, personally met us at the jetty and conducted the tour of the hospital himself. He still stood very upright, remained active and looked remarkably fit despite the obvious strains of working for so much of his life in equatorial climes, where disease was inevitably rife. During our visit he spoke only French, but his commentary was translated very ably for us by a charming Dutch nurse, who naturally impressed the young unmarried Lieutenant of the day. Out of doors, Dr Schweitzer wore his characteristic white pith helmet, but indoors he removed it and then appeared to match the impression we had of him in those days with long flowing hair and a bushy moustache.

Most of the medical staff were either French or Swiss, but there were also Belgians, Dutch, Germans, Norwegians and one American and one Japanese. The staff had their own separate accommodation and mess room. Several of Dr Schweitzer's own family had worked in the hospital and some were still there at the time. The hospital was built primarily to treat those suffering from leprosy.

Most of the patients brought along with them members of their families, many of their personal belongings and even their domestic animals. The village was therefore swarming with dogs, goats, ducks and hens that sheltered under the raised floors of the huts. Even a young monkey had been adopted by a mongrel bitch that escorted us throughout the tour of the hospital; whenever the youngster was tired it jumped onto its adopted mum's back for a few moments and took a ride. We also saw several parrots, but these were generally kept chained or caged.

The wards were all crowded and not especially clean – MRSA seemed not, however, to be a problem there! The patients we saw appeared happy and seemed pleased to have European visitors. The cleanest



ward was the maternity ward, where the babies slept peacefully in small wooden cots covered with mosquito nets – remarkably, we heard little crying. The drugs and medical equipment, which seemed old but adequate and perfectly hygienic, were kept in separate rooms.

One resident in the village had arrived at the hospital some five years earlier and had since refused to leave. She was of pygmy origin and spoke no known dialect. She continued to live primitively and occasionally stole food and firewood from others in the village, and became violent if any attempt was made to take it back from her.

We learned that Dr Schweitzer was loath to institute any major changes to the way of life there because the natives preferred to retain the lifestyle they knew best. They clearly had great faith in him as a doctor and healer and travelled huge distances to be treated by him.

For me, that was a particularly memorable day and I feel privileged to have had the opportunity of meeting him.



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The Garden Openings at Poulton Hall on May 1st and 2nd raised £1,000 each in aid of The Samaritans and Wirral Wildlife. Saturday was sunny, but despite the rain on Sunday visitors still enjoyed cream teas and flowers and being stoically British.



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
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.

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Freda Jenkins - A Tribute

What can I say about Freda? That we were married for over 66 years, and for all that time she was not only my wife, but also my best friend and confidante. As with all married couples, we had our ups and downs, but we weathered any storms, and she was kind and generous and got on well with everyone she met.

She was born in Neston in November 1931, and lived in that area all her life. She was educated at Neston Primary School, West Kirby Grammar School for Girls and the School of Pharmacy in Liverpool. She spent most of her working life at G.B. Lees, later to become Cubbins, chemists in Neston, and found time to have two lovely children, Tricia and Alison. Unfortunately, Tricia is no longer with us but I am left with Alison and four lovely grandchildren. We spent the first ten years of our marriage in Parkgate, and in 1964 moved to Neston Road in Thornton Hough. This was fortunate, because Tricia was already going to Thornton Hough Primary School and Alison would soon follow her there.

Freda was always interested in singing and was a member of Neston Parish Church choir, and Neston Ladies Choir, later to become Kenforth Singers. When we moved to Thornton Hough it was natural that she joined All Saints' Church choir there. She was involved in the Brownies and Girl Guides, as Brown Owl and Guider. She was a founder member of Neston Inner Wheel and for many years a Sunday School teacher at All Saints.

Freda was a keen gardener and loved her garden, spending many hours pottering about in the shed or on her knees in the flower beds planting enormous quantities of plants for our delight. Her other interest was English Folk dancing, and as caller of the dances was in demand at our local Folk Dance club in Neston, becoming Chairman in 1984 when the Neston Club visited a Folk Dance club in Reutlingden, Ellesmere Port and Neston's Twin Town in Germany, and again when the German club visited Neston in the following year. As I was involved in Folk as a musician, I spent many holidays playing for dancing in Europe and the Middle East, and Freda came too, enjoying her dancing and sightseeing.

In the past two years of her life, she was fortunate to be cared for in Caldy Manor Residential Home and, when she needed nursing care, Westwood Hall Care Home in Brimstage, where, in both establishments, she was well looked after.

She will be sadly missed by all who came into contact with her.

Brian Jenkins

Register of Baptism, Burials and Marriages for March—May 2021

BURIALS	Died	Age	Burial
Brenda Joyce Ivy TYLER	2/3/21	87	25/3/21
Eileen McKIE	28/2/21	95	27/3/21

2022 Calendar

The time to consider which photos you will submit for our 2022 calendar is fast approaching. We would like them sent in the next couple of months so that all entries can be considered and the best views of our Parish selected for our very popular calendar. Remember that All Saints desperately needs funds after a very difficult 12 months. Therefore all proceeds will once again be given to the church to help meet costs and keep the church open. Please contact Brian Morris on 336 1393 or send your photos by email — brimorris@sky.com.



Thoughts for the month of July

July is traditionally associated with the start of school holidays, warmer weather and trips to the seaside or far off lands. Many hope that St Swithun's Day on July 15th is dry, as according to folk lore this will herald 40 dry days to come. It is a quieter time in the church calendar but much preparation is needed for the busier time in the following months. We give thanks to the Lord for the dedicated work of our Vicar—may she gain strength in these quieter times to carry out God's work in the remainder of the year and in the years ahead.

Mary Magdalene's Feast Day is on 22nd July.

Summer Quiz Answers

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| 1. Summer Bay | 7. Beijing | 13. Bleak House |
| 2. Robin Goodfellow | 8. Some tarts | 14. Sirius |
| 3. The Popes | 9. Gemini, Cancer, and Leo | 15. Indian Summer |
| 4. 1908, 1948, and 1912 | 9. Iceland | 16. Sonnet 18 |
| 5. a) Helsinki, (b) Rome, C) Munich, and (d) Seoul | 11. Saint Swithins | 17. Norman |
| 6. Estate | 12. Ronald Reagan | 18. December |



Sunday Bible Readings June – July 2021

June

6th

First Sunday after Trinity

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Mark 3:20-35

13th

Second Sunday after Trinity

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

Mark 4:26-34

20th

Third Sunday after Trinity

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Mark 4:35-41

27th

Fourth Sunday after Trinity

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Mark 5:21-43

July

4th

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Mark 6:1-13

11th

Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mark 6:14-29

18th

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Ephesians 2:11-22

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

25th

James the Apostle /

Eighth after Trinity

Acts 11:27-12:2

Matthew 20:20-28

August

1st

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Ephesians 4:1-16

John 6:24-35

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.



Parish Diary June – July 2021

May

Friday 28th 7:00pm Choir Practice

Sunday 30th Trinity Sunday

10:30am Holy Communion (Common Worship)

June

Wednesday 2nd 10:30am Holy Communion (Common Worship)

Sunday 6th First Sunday after Trinity

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10:30am Holy Communion (Common Worship)

Wednesday 9th 10:30am Holy Communion (Common Worship)

Friday 11th 7:00pm Choir Practice

Sunday 13th Second Sunday after Trinity

10:30am Holy Communion (Common Worship)

Wednesday 16th 10:30am Holy Communion (Common Worship)

Friday 18th 7:00pm Choir Practice

Sunday 20th Third Sunday after Trinity

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10:30am Morning Prayer (Common Worship)

Wednesday 23rd 10:30am Holy Communion (Common Worship)

Friday 25th 7:00pm Choir Practice

Sunday 27th Fourth Sunday after Trinity

10:30am Holy Communion (Common Worship)

Wednesday 30th 10:30am Holy Communion (Common Worship)

July

Friday	2 nd	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Sunday	4th		Fifth Sunday after Trinity
		8:00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10:30am	Holy Communion (Common Worship)
Wednesday	7 th	10:30am	Holy Communion (Common Worship)
Friday	9 th	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Sunday	11th		Sixth Sunday after Trinity
		10:30am	Holy Communion (Common Worship)
Wednesday	14 th	10:30am	Holy Communion (Common Worship)
Friday	16 th	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Sunday	18th		Seventh Sunday after Trinity
		8:00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10:30am	Morning Prayer (Common Worship)
Wednesday	21 st	10:30am	Holy Communion (Common Worship)
Friday	23 rd	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Sunday	25th		James the Apostle Eighth Sunday after Trinity
		10:30am	Holy Communion (Common Worship)
Wednesday	28 th	10:30am	Holy Communion (Common Worship)

August

Sunday	1st		Ninth Sunday after Trinity
		8:00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10:30am	Holy Communion (Common Worship)
Wednesday	4 th	10:30am	Holy Communion (Common Worship)



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The deadline for submission of materials for the next edition is

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