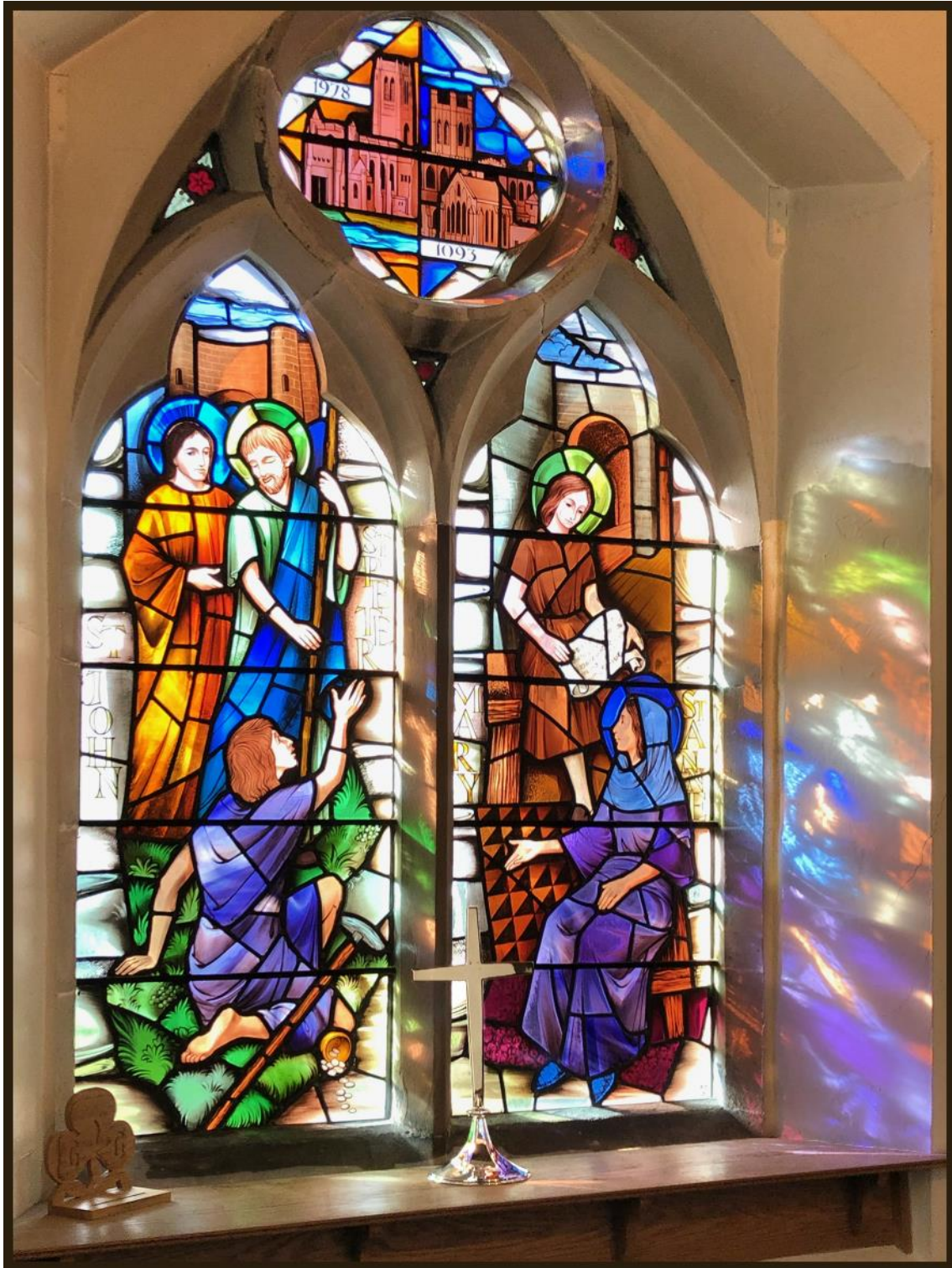


All Saints' Church Thornton Hough

The Magazine



February — March 2025

All Saints' Church Thornton Hough

Coffee Mornings

Wednesday at 10.30am
in the Parish Hall

Coffee mornings are held
on the 4th Wednesday
of the month

26th February

26th March

23rd April

28th May

25th June

23rd July

No Coffee Mornings in August
and December

Refreshments

Raffle

Everybody
welcome

Entry 50p

Conversation
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You are warmly invited to a

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All Saints' Church Thornton Hough

Wednesday 5th March
at 7pm

A service of
Holy Communion
for

Ash Wednesday



All Saints' Church Thornton Hough

Mothering Sunday

Sunday 30th March
10:30am Morning Prayer

Everybody welcome.

Please invite your family and friends
to come along to this special service.

**2:30pm A Quiet Space for
Mothering Sunday**

A short, contemplative service for
those who prefer a quieter, more
contemplative service.



A Welcome letter from the Vicar

Come and See!

There is always a sense of excitement – and not a little relief – when the icy dark days of winter begin to lengthen and we see the first signs of new growth appear. The moment when the little fists of hawthorn leaves burst open and show their soft green fingers is one which makes me exclaim, “Oh, look!”



A moment in time, a sudden realisation or sight can make us stop in our tracks. We want to share it, to invite others to come and see what has so captivated us, and possibly reassure us that whatever it might be that has so struck us is really true.

Perhaps the sad thing is that we can lose this sense of wonder, the joy of drawing aside to take a look at things as we get caught up in the busy-ness of our lives. By stopping to look we make ourselves slow down and open ourselves to the opportunity to see new things.

In a way the articles in our Magazine are such an invitation to come and see, to stop and share an experience, a historical nugget or be guided through a poem which fills the imagination, or a tricky puzzle.

The Church diary and notifications about special services are also an invitation to come and see, to try out what All Saints’ has to offer. This edition of The Magazine covers the start of our season of Lent. The Ash Wednesday Communion service on 5th March at 7.00pm gives you the opportunity to come and see, to experience for yourself the Imposition of Ashes, where each person is invited to have their foreheads marked with a sign of the cross to prepare for this special season. You are also invited to our weekly Lent Group, which begins on Tuesday, 11th March at 2.30pm. Come and explore a little bit more about the Christian faith!

The invitation to “Come and see” is one which Jesus made to his very first disciples in John 1:38-39. Then, shortly afterwards, Philip, another of his early disciples, says to Nathanael, “Come and see.” When you find something which is good, you want others to experience it too.

I hope that your springtime, and this coming time of Lent, will be one which encourages you to pause and wonder, and to take time to “Come and see.”

Vicky



From the churchwardens



Before we look ahead to 2025, we just wanted to say how lovely it was to welcome so many people to the Christmas services. What a joy to listen to the wonderful Christmas story, in a beautifully decorated church with lovely music and Carol singing. Thank you to Revd Vicky, Margaret Gamble, Iain and the choir for making it so special.

Looking ahead, we have a couple of large maintenance projects looming. Following expert advice, we know that we will need to plan for dismantling and rebuilding a section of the churchyard boundary wall, where it is significantly bowed. We also need to have a survey carried out on the spire. We will keep you informed of any developments. We are also very keen to get the bell fully working and to be able to once again ring out a welcome to all parishioners ahead of services. The bell is original, dating back to 1867 and is currently in need of some restoration and repair to restore it to full usage. The bell has two strikers, one is controlled by the clock mechanism and chimes the hours. We are most grateful for all the kind and generous donations that enabled this to be repaired last year. The other striker is manual and is controlled by a bell pull. This is what we are now hoping to restore.

On the advice of the Diocesan Bell Adviser, we have invited Taylor's Bell Foundry to come out and inspect the bell. They offer a free inspection, report and quotation service. We will keep you updated on this too.

Now we are coming into spring we can look forward to trees coming into leaf and flowers in our gardens. There may not be many to pick for arrangements but we are fortunate to have money in the church flower fund for anyone to use to buy flowers for decorating the church, so here is a reminder that there is a list at the back of church for volunteers. Just fill in your name for a date of your choice, buy a couple of bunches of flowers (up to a maximum total of £20) which can go into two vases (available in the flower vestry). Reimbursement will be made via bank transfer, so please keep your receipt, complete the simple claim form with your details and hand this, with the receipt attached, to either Revd Vicky, or one of the churchwardens. We would be really pleased to see this fund being used. Please ask Margaret Gamble or us if you need help.

Patsy and June

Notes on the PCC meetings held on 10th December

The meeting began with the story of the angels appearing to shepherds, Luke 2:13-14, and the collect for Advent 2.

The Parish Christmas cards had been delivered throughout the parish. More had been ordered this year (it was cheaper to get the larger number printed) and only 8 had not yet been distributed. There had been some very positive comments about the new format. The larger size had worked well and the cost had been significantly cheaper than last year when we used a commercially designed card.

The cedar tree had been cut back on 14th November. Given the powerful winds Vicky was glad that we had had the work done and that the tree had come through without incident.

We had received agreement from the Archdeacon to proceed with the new noticeboard. Hopefully by the time you are reading this it will have been installed!

The Remuneration Committee had met to discuss the fees (for weddings and funerals) and the salaries of employees payable by All Saints'. Margaret Gamble, Iain Stinson and Sue Stinson withdrew from the meeting when they reported back. (Margaret is employed as the Verger and Iain is employed as the Director of Music. Sue is married to Iain, an employee of the PCC.)

The main topic for the PCC meeting was the budget for 2025. An estimate for the financial position at the end of 2024 and a proposed budget for 2025 had been circulated in advance of the meeting. This year we have had unexpected expenditure on the maintenance of the buildings and trees, the money from hall rental has been down due to illness and there have been fewer weddings and funerals than estimated in the 2024 budget. We had still not been told by the Diocese what the new Parish Share would be. (We now know that it will be £77,604: an increase of £2,260). After some discussion the PCC accepted the proposed budget that had been circulated.

A Fabric Report had been circulated; we need to keep under consideration rebuilding the part of the boundary wall near to the cedar tree. We also need to plan for a spire survey. It is hoped that the bell rope and its corresponding striker can be repaired in the near future so that the bell may once again be rung before services.

The first meeting of the PCC in 2025 is in February when we will look forward and do some planning for the year ahead.

Happy New Year to everyone.

Sue Stinson
PCC Secretary

An update on our finances

As I write this, at the beginning of January, I'm completing the Financial Report for 2024. For 2024, we had set a deficit budget for the General Fund, which is the Fund which is used for our "normal" activities: the expected deficit was £3,476. However, the General Fund at the end of 2024 is showing a surplus of £3,882. The main reasons for this good news are that we received a number of additional donations in December (greater than the budgeted amount) and the income from our investments was higher than expected in the budget. Although we spent more from the General Fund than planned (£1,489), the additional General Fund income covered the excess spending. We made our full payment of Parish Share in 2024, a total of £75,344. This is paid to the Diocese to meet cost associated with our vicar (including housing, salary, pension contributions, NI) and to help meet the costs of running the Diocese. At the start of 2024 we had £23,528 in other Funds and at the end of the year these had reduced to £14,664. £8,844 was spent from these other Funds on essential maintenance of our buildings and grounds.

We have been very blessed through the generosity of our congregation and supporters and are sincerely thankful for this support.

The outlook for 2025 is challenging. There is more work to be done in the maintenance of the buildings and grounds and we are aware of some medium-term work which we must try to undertake. For the last three years our gas and electricity was being supplied at 2021 prices (under a three-year contract). We are now paying 2024 (fourth quarter) prices and estimate that the cost of these utilities will be around £8,000 a year, almost twice as much as we were paying. The Parish Share has increased by 2.99% to £77,604.

The 2025 budget for the General Fund assumes that our income is £115,636 and our expenditure is £128,91; this makes the planned deficit £13,275.

51% of the income comes from voluntary donations (plus 12% from the Gift Aid recovered on many of those donations), 19% from our investments and 11% from Parish Hall rentals and Hirst Cottage rent. Events and other activities contribute only a small amount to our income (2%) but have great social benefits. We have included an *increase* of 3% in the Planned Giving (standing orders and envelopes) and Open Plate above the 2024 levels in prayerful anticipation of your continuing generosity.

Our largest expense is the Parish Share (60%) which is set by the Diocese. Utilities and insurances are almost 10% of our costs. The 2025 budget includes a little more for the maintenance of our buildings and grounds than in 2024; these allocations should cover regular maintenance as well as a some "minor works". They will not meet the costs of any major work needed (such as rebuilding the section of the boundary wall near the cedar tree on Church Road). The cost of maintaining the churchyard and graveyard is more than the cost of maintaining the buildings.

Income 2025 Budget		% of budget
Planned Giving	£42,535	36.8%
Open plate	£9,396	8.1%
Donations	£7,000	6.1%
Gift Aid recovered	£14,031	12.1%
Investments	£22,350	19.3%
Hall rental	£8,458	7.3%
Hirst Cottage	£4,380	3.8%
PCC Fees	£3,505	3.0%
Events etc	£1,834	1.6%
Calendar	£1,100	1.0%
Magazine	£850	0.7%
Other	£198	0.2%
	£115,637	

Expenditure 2025 Budget		% of budget
Parish Share	£77,604	60.2%
Clergy support	£4,922	3.8%
Church Utilities & insurance	£8,308	6.4%
Parish Hall Utilities & Insurance	£3,840	3.0%
Church building	£4,693	3.6%
Parish Hall building	£939	0.7%
Hirst Cottage	£1,541	1.2%
Church yard and graveyard	£7,186	5.6%
Charitable giving	£1,200	0.9%
Employment	£12,250	9.5%
Office	£4,067	3.2%
Other	£2,362	1.8%
	£128,912	

As we start 2025, the balance in the General Fund is £29,500 and a total of £14,600 in our other funds- this is about £5,000 less than we had at the start of 2024. This should cover the deficit planned for 2025 but would not cover the costs of any major repair work to our buildings and grounds.

In 2025 it will cost around £350 each day for All Saints' to continue to operate as we are at present. We shall only be able to continue and grow with your support and the help of our God.

If you would like any further information about our finances, if you would like to make a donation to All Saints', become a regular donor, increase your giving, or have a question about Gift Aid, then please contact me.

Iain Stinson
PCC Treasurer

Lent Course 2025: "Holy Habits"

If you've ever found yourself saying that you would like to be more like Jesus, then this year's Lent Course may help you to explore what that might look like in practice! Over a series of five weeks, we shall be "Following Jesus", joining in prayer, conversation, reflecting on a Bible reading, worship and going out with a simple "take-home" idea to help support our thinking through the following week.

Interested? Come along to the Vicarage at **2.30pm on Tuesday afternoons** on: **11th March, 18th March, 25th March, 1st April, 8th April.**

Don't worry if you can't come to all five sessions. Each one is a "stand-alone" reflection. There will be a course booklet available.

The **Holy Habits: Following Jesus** course is prepared by Andrew Roberts and is produced by the Bible Reading Fellowship. You can find out more by going online to: brfonline.org.uk/holy-habits.

A verse from the Bible

***Then God said "Let there be light";
and there was light.***

Genesis 1:3

Do you have a favourite verse in the Bible?
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Happy New Year to you all from Thornton Hough WI. Our programme for 2025 is on our noticeboard outside the hall, and also on our Facebook page, and website. We look forward to welcoming you in the New Year.

Our Coach trip to Arley Hall in mid Cheshire was a lovely opportunity to see some beautiful floral displays created by local colleges, florists and schools in a stately home setting. We enjoyed the Rock Choir singing in the hall, with a fabulous rendition of 'Hallelujah' written by Leonard Cohen; that made the hairs on the back of your neck stand up! We had a visit to the gardens and chapel in between rain showers and a fabulous selection of festive food and drink in the Gardener's cafe. It was a wonderful way to enjoy the start of the Christmas season with relaxed and traditional celebrations in beautiful surroundings.

Our Christmas meeting was a social event and members were asked to bring a plate of food to share and also to bring a donation for the Wirral Foodbank. What a wonderful variety of food, both sweet and savoury, we enjoyed! Generous contributions for the Wirral Foodbank overflowed the stage and they were delighted to receive our donations. The Sales Table added to funds from cakes and produce brought by members. We enjoyed quirky, surprise gifts from the bran tub dip and accompanied The Port Sunlight Handbell ringers enthusiastically singing carols. A fabulous evening amongst friends was enjoyed by all.

We held our Christmas Party at Thornton Hall Hotel. The staff at the hotel made us very welcome, as our glamorous and glitteringly dressed ladies gathered together for a pre lunch drink of Prosecco, orange juice or a Bucks Fizz. We enjoyed a fabulous lunch in the beautiful surroundings of the Crystal Suite and as we waited for our final course of mince pies and coffee, we were treated to an interesting talk on the history of the hall from it being built as a private house to its development as the hotel and spa we know today.

We were looking forward to our January meeting, the first of the New Year. A family bereavement meant that our speaker had to cancel. Fortunately we were able to reschedule our 2025 programme and found a replacement at short notice. Then our second speaker had to cancel due to illness. We managed to get a replacement - disaster averted, or so we thought - only for the weather to take a turn for the worse, making travel impossible and we had to cancel the entire meeting!

Perhaps someone was trying to tell us something...

OUR NEXT EVENING MEETING will be on Tuesday, 4 February at 7.30 pm. The speaker will be Jo Roberts from Wirral St John's Hospice. Visitors are welcome. If you would like more information about Thornton Hough WI and to see photographs of our activities and events please go to:

www.facebook.com/ThorntonHoughW.I1926

email: thwi.thorntonhough@btinternet.com

Website: <https://thorntonhoughwi.org>

Janet Gaywood

World Day of Prayer 2025

Friday, 7th March in Neston URC at 2.00pm

Everyone is warmly invited to come to this year's World Day of Prayer, generously hosted in our area by Neston URC. The women of the Cook Islands have composed the materials for this year, on the theme, "I made you Wonderful."



Reminder

British summer time begins on Sunday 30th March at 1am. Clocks go forward one hour.



**All Saints' Church,
Thornton Hough**

Toybox meets in the Parish Hall from 10am to 11:30am, usually on the second Monday of the month (but not always!)

Dates of future meetings

Monday 10th February 2025

Monday 10th March 2025

Monday 7th April 2025
(1st Monday)

Monday 12th May 2025

Monday 9th June 2025

Monday 14th July 2025

£2 per family



Free play, craft, story, songs and refreshments

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

All welcome.

Our Parish Watercourses

Throughout Wirral the rivers have been working extremely hard over the past few weeks to cope with all the rain and melting snow, not least in our own parish, which has suffered more than its fair share of flooding. The ancient system of ditches and watercourses, many of which have existed since the ice-age, would have struggled to cope even without the intervention of diversions, new roads, culverting, and building developments carried out during the last hundred and fifty years.



Thornton Hough is possibly unique in that it actually has four different river systems serving the parish, all of which ultimately flow east into the River Mersey:-

Thornton Brook, Brimstage Brook, Clatter Brook, and Raby Brook, each with its own interesting history.

Thornton Brook, which provides the main drainage for the village, begins at The Manor Lake. Fed by the streams and ditches which gather water from the

surrounding fields, the lake was created in the early part of the last century by the first Lord Leverhulme. Leaving via a sluice, the water then flows down past Lodge Farm before arriving at Neston Road where it's joined by water draining from the New Estate. Here it passes under the road and through a culvert beneath the Village Green, presumably installed at the time the Green was created in the early 1900's. Re-appearing near the bottom of The Folds, it winds its way past the old sewage works, under Raby Road, under Willaston Road and then over this, the only significant waterfall on Wirral! Finally it passed under the motorway before being joined by Clatter Brook at the little brick bridge at the bottom of Thornton Common Road.

Clatter Brook begins its life in the fields and ditches to the west of Storeton Woods. Passing under the road to Brimstage it then flows through a culvert right underneath Clatterbridge Hospital. A parallel culvert carries Brimstage Brook beneath the hospital.

Emerging near the entrance to Claire House, they join together before passing under the Willaston Road, and then under the motorway, en route to Raby Mere.



Brimstage Brook brings water right across Wirral from as far away as Whitfield Lane near Heswall. Collecting water from streams and field ditches along the way, it eventually flows into Brimstage Village near to The Hall, then back under the road and into an open concrete culvert on its way to Clatterbridge. Before the alterations to create the Village Green and new cottages in 1913, this is what the stream looked like near to the local pub, The Red Cat.



Thornton Brook and Brimstage Brook both feed into the stream leaving Raby Mere on its way to join the River Dibbin before it discharges into the Mersey near Port Sunlight. The Mere itself is fed today by Raby Brook, which drains water from the fields around Raby and south towards Willaston. At one time, Thornton Brook was also diverted via a channel to fill the Mere and provide enough water to power the water mill for up to 24 hours, but this was abandoned a long time ago when the mill stopped operation.

Drainage of this whole area is quite complex. Dealing with the sheer volume of water during periods of high rainfall and snow melt does unfortunately

result in flooding, particularly in Thornton Hough and Brimstage, and as far away as Spital Dam. The water simply can't get through the culverts fast enough, but thankfully, providing the streams and ditches are kept free of debris, it does get away quite quickly once the rain stops.

We should be grateful for our valiant little rivers!



Gavin Hunter



Weather Quiz



1 Which country experiences the most tornadoes?



2 What is the highest recorded temperature on earth ?
48.8°C, 50°C., or 57.8°C



3 In which country was this recorded?



4 What is the name of a scientist who studies the weather?



5 Where is the driest desert on Earth, the Sahara, the Kalahari or the Atacama?



6 What is the name of the instrument used to record atmospheric pressure?



7 What is the instrument called which records wind speed?



8 What is the most rainfall recorded in one year 25.4 metres, 30.2 metres or 35.6 metres?



9 In which country did this record rainfall occur?



10. At what temperature is Centigrade equal to Fahrenheit?



11. What do you call a spectrum of light which appears when the sun shines onto water droplets in the air?



12. What are stratus, cirrus, cumulus and nimbus?

13. What is the heaviest recorded weight of a hailstone?



14. In which country did this hailstone fall?

15. Where is the wettest place in the United Kingdom?

Answers on Page 27





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POETRY CORNER **Flower Chorus** **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

O such a commotion under the ground
When March called "Ho, there! Ho!"
Such spreading of rootlets far and wide,
Such whisperings to and fro!
"Are you ready?" the Snowdrop asked,
"'Tis time to start, you know."
"Almost, my dear!" The Scilla replied,
"I'll follow as soon as you go."
Then "Ha! Ha! Ha!" a chorus came
Of laughter sweet and low
From millions of flowers under the ground,
Yes, millions beginning to grow.

"I'll promise my blossoms," the Crocus said
"When I hear the blackbird sing."
"And straight thereafter" Narcissus cried
"My silver and gold I'll bring."
"And ere they are dulled" another spoke,
"The Hyacinth bells shall ring."
But the violet only murmured "I'm here"
And sweet grew the air of Spring.
Then "Ha! Ha! Ha!" a chorus came
Of laughter sweet and low,
From millions of flowers under the ground,
Yes, millions beginning to grow.

O the pretty brave things, thro' the coldest days
Imprisoned in walls of brown,
They never lost heart tho' the blast shrieked loud,
And the sleet and the hail came down;
But patiently each wrought her wonderful dress,
Or fashioned her beautiful crown,
And now they are coming to lighten the world
Still shadowed by Winter's frown.
And well may they cheerily laugh "Ha! ha!"
In laughter sweet and low,
The millions of flowers under the ground,
Yes, millions beginning to grow.



Snowdrop



Crocus



Scilla



Narcissus



Hyacinth



Violet

Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803 - 1882) was a very influential American polymath. During his impressively productive life he taught, lectured, published poetry and book-length essays, preached, campaigned to abolish slavery and founded a movement in reaction to the Enlightenment, which came to be called Transcendentalism.



Emerson by Eastman Johnson 1846

Whereas the Enlightenment valued reason, logic, scientific exploration, social order and understanding economics, Emerson and his followers espoused intuition, self-reliance, refusal to live by authoritarian rules or society's accepted

ways. His followers now might be called Romantics or even Hippies.

Famous tenets of his include: don't be led up others' paths, create your own trail; for wisdom, seek solitude not society; your destiny is to be what you decide it to be; learn for yourself, don't accept received wisdom; trust intuition over facts.



"imprisoned in walls of brown"

While teaching in the 1820's he lived in a solitary cabin for two years and studied nature. There he would have watched the wild flowers come up in the surrounding woodland. When he became famous, as "The Schoolmaster of Franklin Park", the area around was turned into a huge park for Bostonians to enjoy nature, as he had urged.



The climate of Massachusetts, New England, where he was born and mostly lived, is

similar to ours, if a bit colder, so his spring bulbs are familiar to us. His hyacinths we would call bluebells, and his narcissi would be daffodils. This is one of his most understandable poems, and delightfully compares the woodland bulbs, getting ready to burst into the wintry world, to young ladies excitedly preparing to enter a social event.

Of course American woodlands are much bigger than ours, and this was written before so many of our wild flowers disappeared, and climate change has rather spoilt the joke. But I still love the idea of spring bulbs giggling at the surprise they are about to spring on the woodlands of Wirral.

Caroline Lancelyn Green

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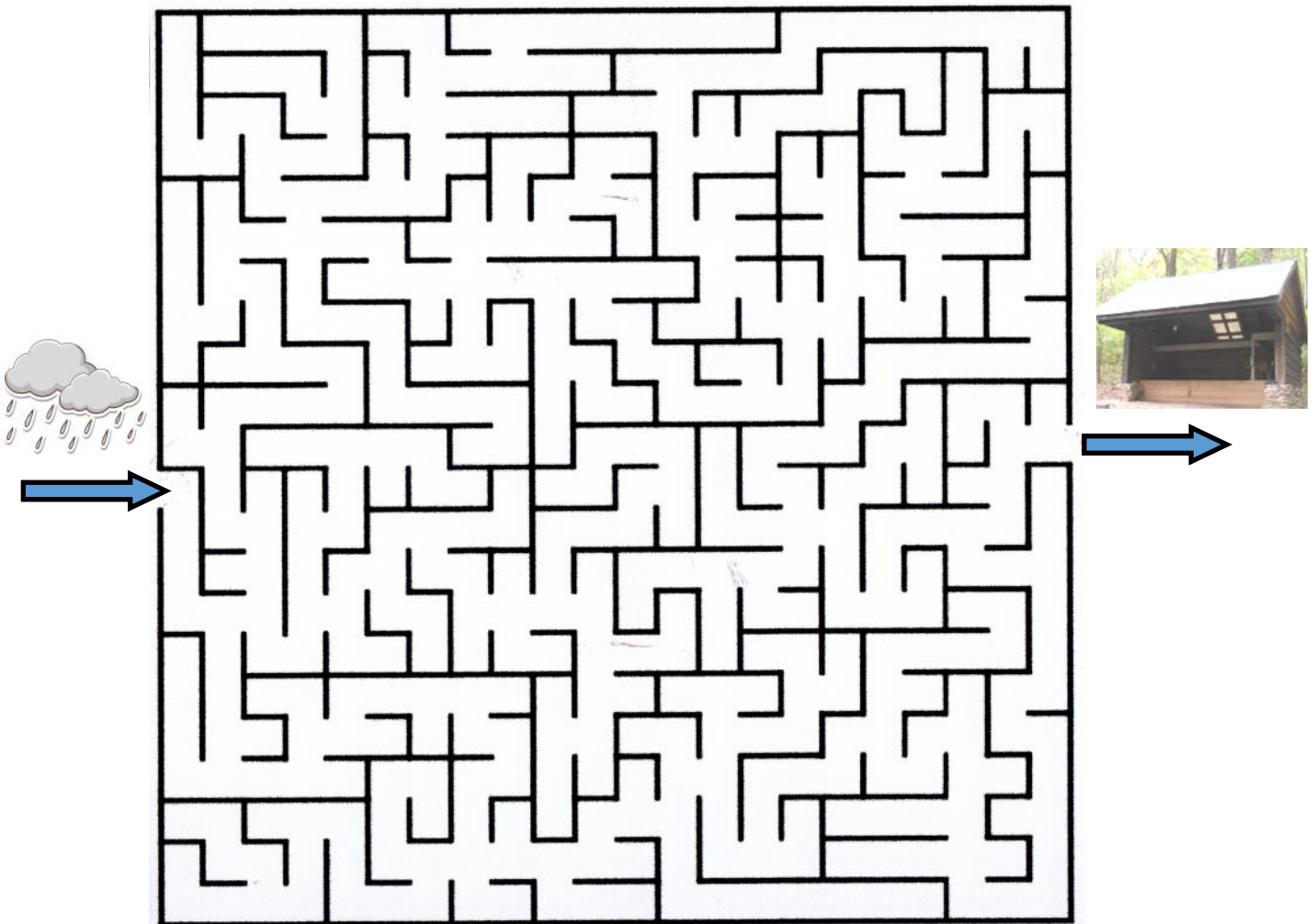
Sudoku

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

Solution is on Page 25

The Maze

Can you find your way to the shelter to get away from the rain?



Solutions on page 27

Weather Word Search

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SALMON PUFF

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1/4 pint milk

2oz slice of bread without crust

3 eggs

Pour the salmon juice into a pan with the milk.

Heat gently, putting in the bread. Leave in a warm place for a while, then beat until smooth with a fork.

Add the salmon, egg yolks and seasoning and beat well. Fold in stiffly whisked egg whites.

Bake in a soufflé dish 190°C, 375°F, for 20 minutes

Serve with spring greens and new potatoes or salad.



QUICK ROLY POLY PUDDING

6oz self raising flour,

milk for dough and brushing Roly Poly.

Jam to taste

3oz Atona Suet, a little sugar to finish the pudding and a pinch of salt

Mix 6 oz self raising flour, 3 oz Atona suet and a pinch of salt with milk to make a dough. Roll out into an oblong, spread with jam just short of the edges and roll up loosely. Pinch the ends. Place on a greased baking tray. Brush with milk, sprinkle with sugar and bake for 25 to 30 minutes at 400°F.



Thank you

I would like to extend a very grateful thanks to all those at All Saints who made the Christmas Services so very meaningful, enjoyable and special. Vicky, Iain and the choir work so hard to lead our worship, the readings especially for the Lessons and Carols so carefully read, the music and singing so joyous and the prayers and sermons so pertinent to the time of year and daily life. A big thank you must also go to all those who give us a warm welcome into church.

A grateful member of the congregation

Origin of Hymns No 6 : Take My Life, and let it be consecrated, Lord to Thee'

Now for a very popular hymn written by a lady, Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879), 'Take My Life, and let it be consecrated, Lord to Thee'. Among her many other hymns we have 'Who is on the Lord's side', and 'Master speak, they servant heareth'.

Frances was born in December 1836 at Astley in Worcestershire to a strongly Anglican family; her father William Henry was a Clergyman, and a hymn writer (an example would be the tune 'Ratisbon' to which we sing Charles Wesley's 'Christ whose Glory fills the skies'). Her brother was also an Anglican priest.

In 1850 her family moved to Worcester where her father was Rector of St. Nicholas Church. There she was influenced by a Miss Teed whose school she attended. Soon after she is quoted as saying - 'I committed my soul to the Saviour and earth and heaven seemed brighter from that moment'. She also studied in Duesseldorf and Oberkassel, learning Greek, Hebrew and other languages, and was confirmed on returning to Worcester in 1853.

It is not clear exactly when 'Take My Life' was published; her hymns were often published by Parlane & Co in groups as leaflets/collections, mostly between 1869 and 1883. Many were published posthumously by her sisters, who spent some time in Canada. Havergal College in Toronto was named after her.

It has been generally said that her hymns praised the love of God. Her religious views and theological bias are clearly visible in her writing, some have said somewhat Calvinistic. Her life was devoted to the proclamation of this truth by her personal labours and literary efforts. She also had a keen interest in Foreign Missions.

She remained unmarried, and for much of her life suffered poor health. Whilst visiting Caswell Bay on the Gower peninsula she succumbed to peritonitis and died at the age of 43.



She is interred in the graveyard of St Peters, Astley near her father and birthplace.



The hymn occurs in hymn books of most denominations. It is invariably set to the tune 'Nottingham' (though it is said she preferred one of the tunes written by her father). 'Nottingham' is clearly the opening of the Kyrie of Mozart's so called 'Twelfth Mass'. But this Mass is only listed as an addendum to the Mozart 'K' catalogue, and modern research has cast a doubt on whether it really is by Mozart.



It is now thought more likely to have been written by Wenzel Mueller. Mueller was born at Turnau in Moravia (now in Austria, south-west of Vienna) in 1767 (not 1747 as our hymn book erroneously says), and was primarily a theatre musician in his youth, but in 1786 became Kapellmeister at Leopoldstadt in Vienna. After a few years (1807-1813) at a theatre in Prague, he returned to Leopoldstadt which became one of the most important venues in Viennese life. He was a prolific composer (250 works, including many popular songs, one opera, and even provided the theme for a Beethoven piano trio (known as the Kakadu Variations Op 121a). As mentioned above Mozart's Twelfth Mass (also the Mass in G) is now ascribed to him, though still listed under Mozart's Kochel catalogue (addendum no 232). He died in Baden near Vienna in 1835.

Brian Moate

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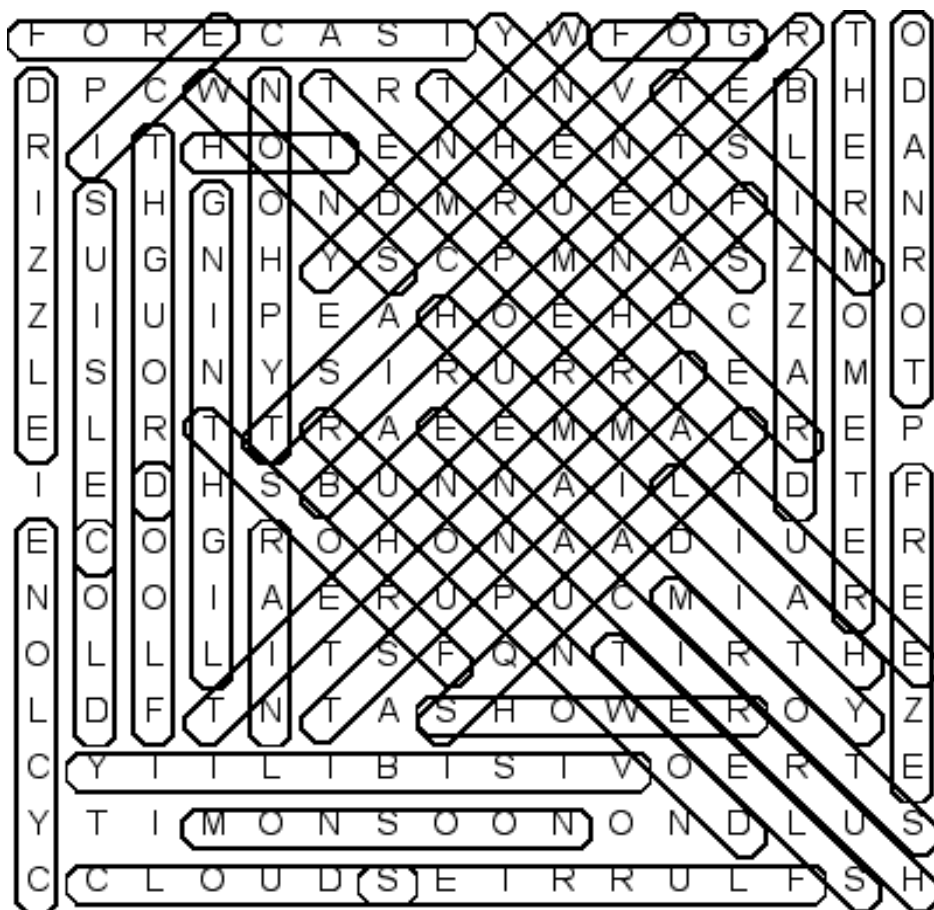
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Sunday Bible Readings

February—March

February

2	Candlemas / Presentation of Christ in the Temple Hebrews 2:14-18	Luke 2:22-40
9	Fourth Sunday before Lent 1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Luke 5:1-11
16	Third Sunday before Lent 1 Corinthians 15:12-20	Luke 6:17-26
23	Second Sunday before Lent Revelation 4	Luke 8:22-25

March

2	Sunday next before Lent 2 Corinthians 3:12- 4:2	Luke 9:28-36
5	Ash Wednesday Psalm 51:1-18	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
9	First Sunday of Lent Romans 10:8b-13	Luke 4:1-13
16	Second Sunday of Lent Philippians 3:17 – 4:1	Luke 13:31-35
23	Third Sunday of Lent 1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Luke 13:1-9
30	Mothering Sunday Exodus 2:1-10	John 19:25b – 27

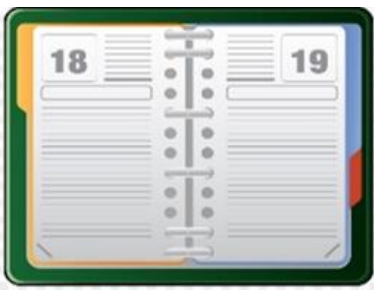
Morning Prayer at All Saints'

Come and 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 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 Monday 17th March 2025



Parish Diary

February—March 2025

January

- 26 **Sunday** **Epiphany 3**
10:30am Holy Communion
- 29 Wednesday 10:30am Holy Communion
- 31 Friday 7:00pm Choir Practice

February

- 2 **Sunday** **Presentation of Christ in the Temple / Candlemas**
8:00am Holy Communion
10:30am Holy Communion
- 5 Wednesday 10:30am Holy Communion
- 7 Friday 7:00pm Choir Practice
- 8 Saturday 12:00pm Soup and Sandwich Lunch
- 9 **Sunday** **Fourth Sunday before Lent**
10:30am Holy Communion
6:30pm Choral Evensong
- 10 Monday 10:30am Toybox
- 11 Tuesday 7:30pm PCC Meeting
- 12 Wednesday 10:30am Holy Communion
- 14 Friday 7:00pm Choir Practice
- 16 **Sunday** **Third Sunday before Lent**
8:00am Holy Communion
10:30am Holy Communion
- 19 Wednesday 10:30am Holy Communion
- 21 Friday 7:00pm Choir Practice
- 23 **Sunday** **Second Sunday before Lent**
10:30am Holy Communion
- 26 Wednesday 10:30am Coffee Morning
7:30pm Deanery Synod at St Michael's Little Neston.
Open meeting on Vocation & Ministry
- 28 Friday 7:00pm Choir Practice

March

- 2 **Sunday** **Sunday before Lent**
8:00am Holy Communion
10:30am Holy Communion

March

5	Wednesday	Ash Wednesday
	7:00pm	Holy Communion with the imposition of ashes
7	Friday	World Day of Prayer
	2:00pm,	World Day of Prayer Service at Nestor URC
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
9	Sunday	First Sunday of Lent
	10:30am	Holy Communion
	6:30pm	Choral Evensong
10	Monday	10:30am Toybox
11	Tuesday	2:30pm Lent Programme I (at the Vicarage)
	7:30pm	PCC Meeting
12	Wednesday	10:30am Holy Communion
14	Friday	7:00pm Choir Practice
16	Sunday	Second Sunday of Lent
	8:00am	Holy Communion
	10:30am	Holy Communion
17	Monday	Deadline for Magazine contributions (April/May)
18	Tuesday	2:30pm Lent Programme II (at the Vicarage)
19	Wednesday	10:30am Holy Communion
21	Friday	7:00pm Choir Practice
23	Sunday	Third Sunday of Lent
	10:30am	Holy Communion
25	Tuesday	2:30pm Lent Programme III (at the Vicarage)
26	Wednesday	10:30am Coffee Morning
28	Friday	7:00pm Choir Practice
30	Sunday	Mothering Sunday / Fourth Sunday of Lent
	10:30am	Morning Prayer for Mothering Sunday
	2:30pm	Quiet Space for Mothering Sunday

April

1	Tuesday	2:30pm Lent Programme IV (at the Vicarage)
2	Wednesday	10:30am Holy Communion
4	Friday	7:00pm Choir Practice
6	Sunday	Passion Sunday / Fifth Sunday of Lent
	8:00am	Holy Communion
	10:30am	Service of readings and music for Passiontide

The very popular **Wirral Egg Run** takes place on Sunday 6th April passing through Thornton Hough between approximately 11.30am and 1.00pm. The Community Trust will be providing refreshments by the Smithy.

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