

All Saints Church Thornton Hough

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A letter from the Vicar

Christmas is a time for giving and for forgiving. At the very heart of the season is a message about God's most valuable gift to us all, and God's determination to reach out in forgiveness to a fallen world.



I love all the festivities, the lights and decorations, the meals and music. I know for some people Christmas can be a difficult time but it is great to have such a joyful celebration, all across the world. Best of all is that we unite in honouring the birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, Saviour of the world.

If you're looking to spend money on your nearest and dearest for Christmas, there is no shortage of options. According to the internet (which of course is always right) you could buy a diamond studded dog collar (animal, not clerical) for \$3 million, or hire a yacht from a Russian oligarch for \$2 million per week. If you're a bit more down-to-earth perhaps you'd like to give someone a set of bed linens for \$55,000 or a pair of sunglasses for \$383,000? It all seems incredible but presumably someone buys these things.

Although such extravagance is both laughable and shocking, it can also be a reminder to us that Christmas began with the immeasurable generosity of God and his greatest gift of love. Through Christ, God was both giving and forgiving, as he responded in mercy towards a sinful world.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." (John 3:16-17)

Jesus taught us that it is more blessed to give than to receive, and that we should forgive our brothers and sisters without reservation. This is good advice for anyone, but especially to Christians, as we have put our trust in God, and have received his blessing and his forgiveness. So let us consider

how to put our faith into practice, by giving and forgiving this Christmas.

With love,

Daniel



I am the New Year



I am the new year. I am an unspoiled page in your book of time.

I am your next chance at the art of living. I am your opportunity to practise what you have learned about life during the last twelve months. All that you sought and

didn't find is hidden in me, waiting for you to search it but with more determination. All the good that you tried for and didn't achieve is mine to grant when you have fewer conflicting desires. All that you dreamed but didn't dare to do, all that you hoped but did not will, all the faith that you claimed but did not have—these slumber lightly, waiting to be awakened by the touch of a strong purpose.

I am your opportunity to renew your allegiance to Him who said, "Behold, I make all things new." Though even thinking on the subject of time may prove discomfoting, it is not a bad idea—especially at the beginning of a new year.

As we look into a year we look at a block of time. We see 12 months, 52 weeks, 365 days, 8,760 hours, 525,600 minutes, 31,536,000 seconds. And all is a gift from God. We have done nothing to deserve it, earn it, or purchase it. Like the air we breathe, time comes to us as a part of life. The gift of time is not ours alone. It is given equally to each person. Rich and poor, educated and ignorant, strong and weak — every man, woman and child has the same twenty-four hours every day.

Another important thing about time is that you cannot stop it. There is no way to slow it down, turn it off, or adjust it. Time marches on. And you cannot bring back time. Once it is gone, it is gone. Yesterday is lost forever. If yesterday is lost, tomorrow is uncertain. We may look ahead at a full year's block of time, but we really have no guarantee that we will experience any of it.

Obviously, time is one of our most precious possessions. We can waste it. We can worry over it. We can spend it on ourselves. Or, as good stewards, we can invest it in the kingdom of God.

The new year is full of time. As the seconds tick away, will you be tossing time out the window, or will you make every minute count?

Anonymous



Notes on the PCC meeting on 6th November 2017

The PCC discussed the progress that is being made in the planning for the Jubilee celebrations next May. It was agreed to book the Cecilia Singers for Wednesday 2nd May; we will need to publicise the event well and send details to other churches in the area. Planning is still in the early stages for some events but the planning committee hope to meet soon and make some more progress. The Bishop of Birkenhead is available on Saturday, 5th May, the actual day of the Jubilee.

There was some discussion about the huge impact that the sad loss of John Mayhew would have on the church and on Daniel's workload. We are very grateful for the help that Andrew Haslam and Owen Leadbetter are giving. Daniel has spoken to Lyndon Bannon who coordinates the lay readers and he thought that there may be someone who would be prepared to work in another church for a time and would value a new experience such as at All Saints. This is a new idea, not an established practice. Although this could help in the long term it was not going to solve the immediate problem. There was some discussion about reducing the number of services on a temporary basis or possibly having the same sermon at the 8.00am and 10.30am services. The latter was discounted as the 8.00am service follows the BCP readings. Help with the administration would have a far bigger impact.

It was finally decided to change the pattern of worship for the first six months of next year:

The 10.30 am service should remain unchanged.

On the 1st and 3rd Sundays we should have an 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
(but no evening service)

On the 2nd and 4th Sundays we should have a communion service at 6.30pm,
liturgy to be decided (but no 8.00am service).

On the 5th Sunday there would be an 8.00am service and choral evensong.

This will be reviewed at the PCC meeting in May 2018.

The treasurer presented a finance report to the PCC. Many tasks fall to the treasurer which could be done by others. Daniel said that this was under review and some progress was being made to relieve the pressure on Verity. Again the need for help with the administration was raised.

The PCC was updated on the families ministry. The groups are going well but there is still a need for more leaders, including for cots2tots. Daniel said that delivery across the age ranges is well thought through but sometimes it can be difficult to get sustained attendance; the children want to come but the families have other commitments. Abide is meeting on a Thursday evening and it is hoped that Impact will start again in January.

Some progress has been made in putting the goals into action that were adopted at the September PCC meeting:

- Discussions have started with St George's about setting up additional teaching opportunities and seminars.
- A new fellowship group has started. This will be publicised shortly.
- There has been some discussion with the Wirral Gospel Fellowship about hosting an event at All Saints.
- The setting up of a welcome team to support newcomers is being discussed.

The Fabric, Health and Safety team reported that remedial work has been done on lights and leaks both in the hall and in the church. The possibility of locking the small hall was also mentioned. This was prompted by concern for the safety of unsupervised children playing in there.

Rachel Brothwell was thanked for organising a successful Harvest Lunch. St George's have recently organised a meal at the Seven Stars after a service and have suggested that we might like to join them some time in the future.

Elly Macbeath reported back on the last Deanery Synod meeting which was held at St Thomas in Parkgate, at which the main speaker was Jonathan Masters, Chester Diocesan Youth, Children and Families' Missioner.

The General Synod wants parishes to debate and report their views on same sex relationships. Currently same sex couples cannot be married in the Church of England.

A deanery pilgrimage is planned for Lent 2018. The Dean gave a paper on "*What is a Deanery Synod and its role?*"

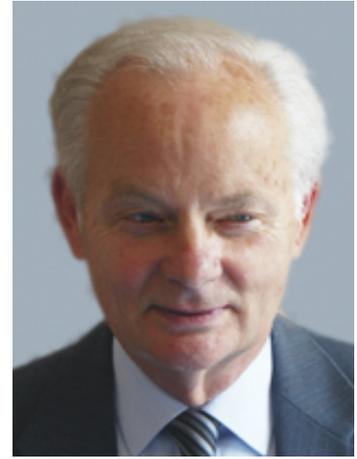
Elly also reported that following the loss of John Mayhew the electoral roll stands at 149.

The next meeting of the PCC will be on Monday 4th December.

Sue Stinson
PCC Secretary

In loving memory of John Mayhew

The church is still reeling from the sad and sudden news that our dear brother, John Mayhew, has died. He was called to his heavenly home on Sunday 22nd October after a very short illness which turned out to be mesothelioma, a disease which is untreatable. We continue in prayer for his wife, Rhona, and their daughter, Sara, and all the family.



John was a member of All Saints' Church for more than thirty years and it has genuinely been a privilege and joy for me to have been his friend, even just for eight of those years. It is hard to quantify the impact that John has had on the church; he has been a source of stability and wise advice, and a counsellor to people in times of need. John's formal roles have been as leader of the Bible Study and Prayer Group (formerly run by the Hightons), as member and vice chair of the PCC, and since 2004 as lay reader, leading services and preaching.

John's parents passed on to him a strong Christian faith, and he always remembered his spiritual roots with gratitude and respect. His personal faith in God showed through all that he did and said.

John and Rhona first met whilst studying at Leeds University, and were married in 1970. They moved from Ormskirk to Raby Mere in 1977. John was on the staff at Liverpool John Moores University where he became Principal Psychology Lecturer in the Social Work Department. He was also involved in many other activities and projects, giving training in the spheres of psychology and pastoral care, as well as being a counsellor to many individuals and couples. He continued to be active during retirement and most notably was one of the founders of 'Transforming Choice', a rehabilitation centre based in Liverpool, helping people who have reached the rock bottom of their lives, and enabling them to thrive again.

John was a cerebral person, often to be found in deep thought, and always ready for an interesting conversation. He met with me on a weekly basis to pray and read the Bible, but I very soon gave up setting an agenda for these times of fellowship, as the conversation would range widely and we explored all kinds of issues from various angles.

John was also very humorous, full of surprises and quick to point out anything that was comical or ironic. I will always remember the time we went on a Segway experience together; a Segway is a kind of scooter which you can stand on and control just by shifting your body weight, so a rather odd sensation at first. John loved it and had a gleeful expression on his face as we whizzed round the woodland course, at what seemed like very high speeds.

Above all John was a very thoughtful person, who would give his time generously to help others in times of difficulty. When you spoke to John, he somehow conveyed that you were the most important thing on his mind, and he was prepared to stay with you or follow up later, according to your needs. Even in hospital John was praying for the patients in the other beds and observing the psychological aspects of his experience.

Over the last few weeks, so many church members have shared with me how much they loved and respected John. There is a sense of disbelief because only a few weeks ago John seemed to be in such good health. I think it will take time for us to come to terms with this new reality. To me, personally, John has been a dear friend, without whom I cannot imagine how I would have learned to be a vicar over the last eight years. I am a better person and a stronger Christian for having known him.

John's death is in human terms a great blow. God called John home far sooner than we would have wanted, yet we trust in God's providential care and eternal wisdom. John will be greatly missed but we know he is in a better place.

Daniel



John

I want to express my heartfelt thanks for all the love, prayer and caring kindness Sara and I received from you during the most difficult five weeks of our lives. We were overwhelmed by the number of beautiful cards, letters and flowers that arrived during this time and felt truly supported by all our church family.

THANK YOU - and God bless you,

Rhona

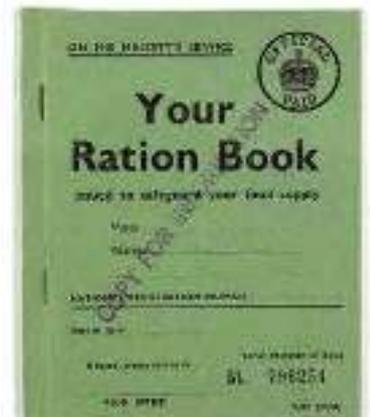
World War 2 through the eyes of a teenager

A few weeks ago I arrived in the Parish Hall just as our Sunday group were finishing their meetings. Obviously World War 2 must have come into the "Rockets" discussion, because Angela asked me if I would answer their questions as I had lived at that time. These were young people of 8 – 10 years old and I was very impressed with their interest and questions, so here goes with some of the answers.

At the beginning of World War 2, I was a 12 year old little girl, but by the end of the war I was a grown up 18 year old!

Living in Britain was very different in war time. Petrol was rationed and to be used for essential journeys only i.e. for Doctors, Police etc. Car headlights had to be dimmed, torches carried face down so they couldn't be seen by enemy aircraft. There were no street lights. We were always glad when there was a moon, but this was known as a "bombers moon" as the cities could be seen more easily. There was very little air pollution out in the countryside, so on good nights we could pick out many stars and their constellations (thanks to girl guide training!)

Food Rationing – our mothers were wonderful at making a little go a long way. Fats, sugar, meat, eggs, tea, bacon and sweets were all strictly rationed. Only locally grown fruit and vegetables were available to buy – there were no imports – no oranges, lemons, bananas etc. Ships were needed to bring more important and essential goods such as weapons and ammunition etc.



Here in the Parish, a few bombs were dropped as there were decoy beacons in the fields to attract the bombers. These beacons were lit at night on the "Ronsils" – ie fields behind Brooklet Farm, Brimstage and Ley Farm Barnston. Two of the cottages on Brimstage Road were damaged by bombs but not too badly and as far as I know, no one was hurt.



The Pill box on Storeton Lane

There were concrete pill boxes round the villages of Brimstage and Thornton Hough to be used by the army and Home Guard in the event of an invasion. Fortunately they were never needed.

My family and I were evacuated to Ruthin in North Wales in 1939. There we were, English children in a Welsh school and no understanding of the Welsh language! All the time we were in Ruthin we wondered what was happening back home on the Wirral. We could see the glow of the fire in Merseyside silhouetting the Clwydian Hills during the terrible blitz of May 1941. This was very frightening for us as young teenagers, knowing that our father and our friends were still there on Merseyside.



Evacuation on 4th September 1939.

Eileen is the tall girl in the middle with her Sisters Jean and Margaret on either side.

Only people like Doctors could have petrol, nothing for leisure. In those days we had to walk everywhere – no 4 x 4 to take us to school!! Also no telephone in the house and no new lines were put in during the war. We had to walk to the telephone box down the road – and that was for essential calls only so no chatting for hours!! Most people used buses for long journeys and these were few and far between. Short journeys were undertaken by bicycle or we walked!



A typical war-time radio — no ear phones and had to be plugged to the electricity so it wasn't mobile. How things have changed!!

There was always the feeling of uncertainty – when could we go home, when will this war ever end! Everyone was glued to the radio eagerly waiting for the next bulletin with its news of the Battle of Britain, Dunkirk, North Africa, Malta, Sicily, Italy until eventually D Day came and with it all the aftermath for the next few years. We were so fortunate to survive the war as a family.

Let us pray that our young people never have to go through anything like this.

Eileen Job



Association of Church Fellowships All Saints' and St. George's Churches

Diocesan ACF

The Diocesan AGM was on October 2nd at Delamere. This was an important day for those present as a decision had to be made about the organisation ceasing to function. With decreasing numbers of groups (now 14) and members (364), increasing age, health and family issues and the inability to travel to Diocesan events, a number of issues had arisen and whilst overall the fellowship was viable, it would probably be more sensible to wind down now.

The previous committee meeting agreed that Bishop Peter's (our president) input was necessary and discussion about the future took place with his confirmation of the decision to cease if the membership voted for this at the AGM. He also said a special final service should take place at which he would preach. Individual groups could continue within their own parishes and all ACF principles used in future groups could fellowship with each other. All relevant information about voting / closure etc was circulated in accordance with regulations. A majority of two thirds of those present at the AGM would be required on any decision. Heather and I were there – a total of 41 people attended. The vote when taken was unanimous for the Diocesan function to cease.

We remain part of the larger organisation until the end of 2017 to allow time to wind up all the business and financial affairs.

It was a good AGM, rather sad overall but very positive and easy, so we noticed with concern the various health issues, ageing and inability in general of friends we've known for many years.

Our final service was held at Holy Ascension Upton by Chester on Friday October 13th and was well attended and encouraging with displays of ACF groups, activities and our five principles. Both the Rector and curate took part in the service. Some group banners were paraded and Bishop Peter gave a really splendid sermon as he always does and encouraged us to "rejoice". A great array of refreshments afterwards was enjoyed and Bishop Peter chatted with each table of "folk", including the seven of us from our group.

We are invited once again to join Holy Ascension for their Group's Carol Service on December 18th.



Thornton Hough ACF

Our October meeting had 16 people gathered to hear a very charming, delightful and vivacious lady speak on the subject of “[Walking through Psalm 139](#)”.

Emma Greenhough told us of how at an early age she was diagnosed with a worrying bone condition in her legs. This was a great disappointment to her because she was a lively dancing child who just loved all dancing activities. Over the years, the disease became more aggressive and she was less able to enjoy the wide range of dancing and gradually had to give up until at the age of 14 she even had to relinquish her favourite ballet. Becoming more wheelchair dependent wasn't much fun and a family move to Stockport found Emma at the local church as Dad thought it would be good for her to meet some new young people.

This was surprising as Emma came from a non-church going family.

From the beginning, Emma attended Summer Bible Camps and became a Christian and at Whitby she met her future husband Andy when she was 19 and married him at 22. By this time other bones in her body were affected and much weaker. Wedding photographs showed Emma looking lovely in all her wedding finery in the wheelchair – she commented “and he had to carry me over the doorstep”.

Some time later, a friend took Emma for her usual physio treatment and said she would pray whilst she waited. The lift took Emma up to the department and after the session to everybody's amazement she left the wheelchair and walked away on her own. Investigations by Emma's Doctors and other medical experts reviewing the history, previous notes and X-rays showing the progress of the bone deterioration along with the present X-rays and its absence, everyone came to the same conclusion that she had been healed and this was defined a miracle and this has been recorded as such.

Emma can now dance once again!! She has two children and Andy is the Vicar in New Ferry.

Psalm 139 is rather long but read it if possible and see Emma's story from an all knowing, all seeing and loving God.

Riding for the Disabled - the subject for our November meeting

After our short service and notices Patsy Baker along with Jane (a volunteer for some 30 years) gave a very informative and interesting account of the Wirral and Chester group at 2 venues—Foxes Riding School Ledsham and the Riding Centre at Ness. Patsy's role is that of Physiotherapist as well as general helping.



The group depends heavily on Charitable donations. Each piece of specialised clothing eg riding hats at £70 each in many sizes. Horses and tack are provided by the Riding Schools. All volunteers have to be DBS checked and this is paid for by the group. We learnt a lot, space does not permit a long article to do it justice. It was a very enjoyable afternoon. Christmas Cards and other items were available for purchase.



Tribute

The words spoken by Jonathan to David in 1 Samuel “*You will be missed for your seat is empty*” make an appropriate beginning to this short and inadequate tribute to our friend John Mayhew whose passing recently has left us greatly saddened. A deeply committed Christian, John walked humbly in the service of his Lord. Quietly busy, fulfilling many roles at All Saints over the years as well as Lay Reader. He was always approachable and helpful, never harsh or judgemental. We will miss his kindness, wise council and advice. A regular visitor to ACF and its activities. We hope he knew how much we loved him.

Safe Home John

Rest in Peace Rise in Glory

Eileen Roberts

ACF Forthcoming Events

December

Fellowship Meeting Wed 13th December at 2.15pm

This is our Christmas Event with Carols, Stories and other Christmassy items.

Carol Service - at Holy Ascension ,Upton by Chester,
Monday 18th December at 2.00pm

Chatterbox Tuesday 19th December at 2.15pm

January - Happy New Year to you all

Wednesday 10th January at 2.15pm - Annual Business Meeting and to discuss our future plans

Chatterbox Tuesday 16th January at 2.15pm

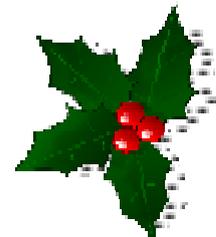
Coffee Morning Wednesday 24th January at 10.30am

Not forgetting **Mrs Hunnibuns Coffee and Cake Shop**

Saturday 9th December and Saturday 8th January at 10.30am

So much more than a café

The place to be on a Saturday morning Everybody welcome



THORNTON HOUGH WI

Tuesday, 7 November, was our AGM, with reports of our many activities during 2017. We voted for a 2018 committee and Janet Gaywood was elected to continue as our President. Fund-raising was discussed. We have a good bank balance, but, as we own the building, we must keep a healthy balance to maintain our Hall in good working order.

In November we had a Soup and Sweet lunch on Tuesday, 14 November, and a Bring and Buy Coffee Morning on Saturday, 25 November, with donations made to the Trussell Fund Food Bank. These are always well supported. We also contribute to, and help, Val Peter and her team with the wonderful Shoebox Appeal.

We will relax in December with a talk about Hillbark – such a good venue and history. This will be on Tuesday, 5 December. Then, on Saturday, 9 December, 12.30 pm for 1 pm, we will all enjoy a shared lunch with good food, good company and a pleasant end to 2017.

We resume at the beginning of January and look forward to another interesting year. You are always welcome to join us!

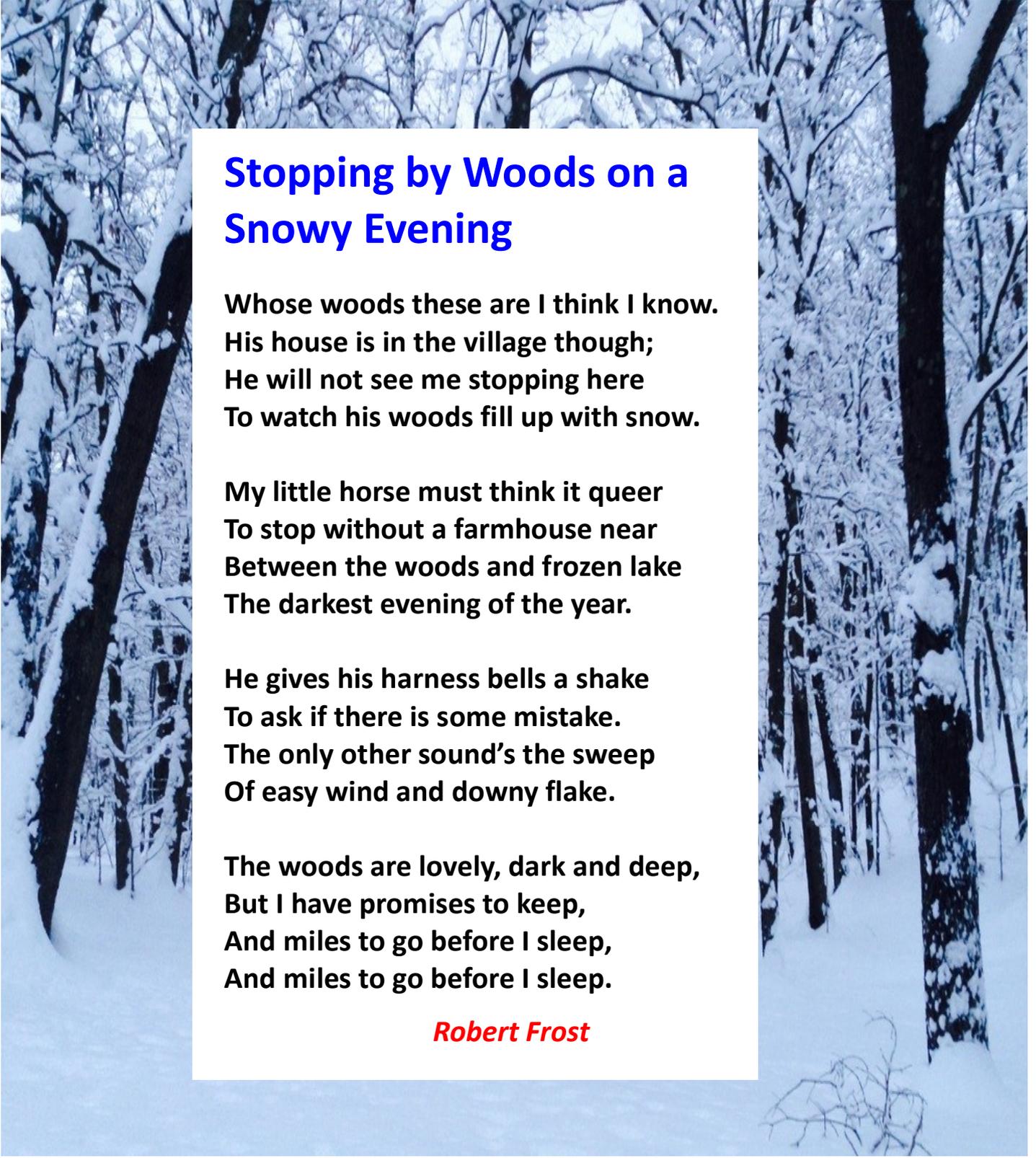


2018 Magazines

We hope you are enjoying the Magazines which for the past 12 months, have been printed free of charge. We have enjoyed composing the Magazine especially in bringing you some of the stories provided by members of the congregation.

However, if you would like to make a contribution towards the printing costs of the 2018 Magazines, please place your contribution in the envelope provided with this Magazine and return it to your distributor. Thank you

The Editorial Team



Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening

Whose woods these are I think I know.
His house is in the village though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
Between the woods and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.

Robert Frost

Robert Lee Frost (March 26, 1874 – January 29, 1963) was an American poet. His work was initially published in England before it was published in America. Known for his realistic depictions of rural life and his command of American colloquial speech, Frost frequently wrote about settings from rural life in New England in the early twentieth century, using them to examine complex social and philosophical themes.

Christmas Quiz

1. After leaving Bethlehem, to which country did Joseph, Mary, and Jesus travel?
2. Christmas is celebrated on the 25th of December. Who is the patron saint remembered on the 26th of December?
3. Every elf has this ornament on the tip of their shoes. Which ornament are we talking about?
4. Everyone is familiar with the mistletoe tradition. What is the colour of the berries of the plant?
5. How does Santa Claus go back up the chimney to continue his journey of delivering gifts?
6. How many points does a snowflake traditionally have?
7. Name the eight original Reindeer.
8. Where in the bible do we find the Christmas Story?
9. Red and green are the two colours most associated with Christmas. Which are the two other colours, according to Christmas holiday trivia, that are also extremely popular in this season?
10. Traditionally, children leave out snacks for Santa Claus. What are these snacks?
11. Traditions of Christmas around the world will tell you that Santa Claus is known by many names. What is the French name for Santa Claus?
12. Two of the reindeer are named after weather phenomenon. Can you name the reindeer?
13. What are the gifts that the Three Wise Men gave baby Jesus, according to Christmas history?
14. What is the name of Ebenezer Scrooge's partner, from the play, *A Christmas Carol*?
15. What two phrases will you almost always find on Christmas gift tags?
16. When does the Russian Orthodox Church celebrate Christmas?
17. Which country does St. Nicholas originally belong to?



So while lots of children will be queuing up to see Father Christmas, there will be other children and their parents queuing instead to get into the food bank....

I found a recent article in The Wirral Globe (November 8th) by Frank Field, MP, rather distressing. Mr Field was writing about a potential crisis on our door step. He wrote the following:

Can you believe that over the next few months our local food bank is going to need 15 more tonnes of food, on top of its normal stock level, to prevent families being hungry?

Even once you've come to terms with this frightening prospect, you could be forgiven

for thinking what on earth is capable of triggering this unprecedented level of need. Universal Credit, which arrives here next week, is the Government's flagship welfare reform. But the timing of its introduction to Birkenhead, six weeks before Christmas, could not be worse. How so? Even if Universal Credit functions as it should, it takes six weeks to calculate each person's entitlement and then pay their claim. That is not a misprint. The system is actually designed to leave poorer families without an income for six weeks. So while lots of children will be queuing up to see Father Christmas, there will be other children and their parents queuing instead to get into the food bank..... Might I, therefore, make a plea for Globe readers to buy an extra item, or two, when they next do their shopping, and, if they want those items to be used locally, to donate them specifically to Wirral Foodbank?"



A similar message, not written by a politician, can be found in the Liverpool Echo (September 23rd 2017).

A Merseyside food bank is warning of widespread hunger throughout the borough over the Christmas period as changes to benefits rules could leave many families strapped for cash. The Wirral Foodbank, which operates from 15 outlets across the borough, says the roll-out of the Government's new Universal Credit (UC) for new claimants in other parts of the country has resulted in an upsurge in demand for the services of food banks.



Food shortages are also set to blight the festive period for families living in other parts of Merseyside and the rest of Britain as UC moves out of its trial phase into general use this autumn. UC rules mean that families claiming the new benefit must wait at least six weeks before receiving any cash, meaning they won't get any money until after Christmas. Citing a recent report published by food bank charity the Trussell Trust, Mr Roberts said that foodbanks in areas where UC has already been introduced have seen demand for their services rise by 17% on average."

Whatever our political views we need to ask what we can do to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

Gifts of food can be donated to the Wirral Foodbank at the Tesco Superstore, Telegraph Road, Heswall, at Sainsbury's Upton, Upton Bypass and at other locations listed on the Wirral Foodbank website

(wirral.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/).

Donations of money to support the work of the Foodbank can also be made – the details can be found on their website (wirral.foodbank.org.uk).

I. Stinson

Answers to the previous Quiz—all answers begin with the letter "c"

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| 1. The Eleven English league football teams | Chelsea, Crystal Palace, Cardiff City, Coventry City, Charlton Athletic, Colchester United, Chesterfield, Carlisle United, Crewe Alexandra, Crawley Town. Cambridge United |
| 2. Roman name for Scotland | Caledonia |
| 3. Cathedral where Thomas a Beckett was murdered | Canterbury |
| 4. The town where Desperate Dan lived | Cactusville |
| 5. The 7 Carry On films | 1960 Constable, 1962 Cruising, 1963 Cabby, 1964 Cleo, 1964 Cowboy, 1969 Camping, 1992 Columbus |
| 6. The 4 English Counties | Cheshire, Cumbria, Cornwall, Cambridgeshire |
| 7. The Roman Emperor who made his horse a senator | Caligula |
| 8. The "sock it to me" girl In Rowan and Martin's Laughin | Carne (Judy) |
| 9. The English city where there is a bridge of sighs | Cambridge |
| 10. The 2 horse races making up the Autumn Double | Caesarewitch and Cambridgeshire |
| 11. The art of drawing maps | Cartography |
| 12. The novel with the line 'Who promoted Major Major | Catch 22 |
| 13. Andy Capp's best friend's nickname | Chalkie |
| 14. 3 1960's No.1's (Singer's surname starts with C | Three Steps to Heaven (Eddie Cochrane), Sailor (Petula Clark), With a little help from my friends (Joe Cocker) |
| 15. On TV who were Sabrina, Kelly and Jill | Charlie's Angels |
| 16. The drink kirsch is made of .. | Cherries |
| 17. Where did the Boxer rebellion take place | China |
| 18. The name of the cross eyed lion in Daktari | Clarence |
| 19. The playing periods in Polo are called | Chukkas |
| 20. This strikes a bell to make it ring | Clapper |

Recipe for a Happy New Year.

Take twelve fine, full-grown months; see that these are thoroughly free from old memories of bitterness, rancour and hate, cleanse them completely from every clinging spite; pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness; in short, see that these months are freed from all the past—have them fresh and clean as when they first came from the great storehouse of Time. Cut these months into thirty or thirty-one equal parts. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time (so many persons spoil the entire lot this way) but prepare one day at a time.

Into each day put equal parts of faith, patience, courage, work (some people omit this ingredient and so spoil the flavour of the rest), hope, fidelity, liberality, kindness, rest (leaving this out is like leaving the oil out of the salad dressing— don't do it), prayer, meditation, and one well-selected resolution. Put in about one teaspoonful of good spirits, a dash of fun, a pinch of folly, a sprinkling of play, and a heaping cupful of good humour.

Anonymous



Cookery Corner

CHILLI CONCARNE serves 4

Ingredients

1/2 lb mince beef
1 large onion, chopped
1 can red kidney beans
1 can baked beans
1 can chopped tomatoes
1 dessert spoon tomato puree
1 Teasp chilli powder or Tabasco sauce



Method

In a large saucepan
Gently fry the chopped onion in a little oil. Add minced beef and cook till browned. Add drained kidney beans, the baked beans, tomatoes, puree and chilli. Mix well, reduce heat and simmer gently for half an hour or longer.
Season to taste.
Serve with rice or garlic bread.

EASTERN ORANGES

Ingredients

6 Large oranges
1 oz chopped almonds
4 oz finely chopped dates
1/8th pint of brandy
1/4 pint orange juice

Method

Peel and thinly slice oranges, discarding any pips and pith.
Put in serving dish with almonds and dates.
Stir in the brandy and orange juice.
Allow to stand in cool place for 1 hour or more.
Serve with whipped cream

COFFEE ROTA



| December | | January | |
|---------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| 3rd December | Rita and Ron | 7th January | Rhona |
| 10th December | Lisa and Verity | 14th January | Syd and Rachel |
| 17th December | Jane and Vi | 21st January | Shirley and June |
| 24th December | Shirley and June | 28th January | Barbara and David |
| 31st December | Linda and Peter | | |

Trade Directory

| Trade | Name | Contact Telephone Numbers |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| Gardener | Nick Holden | 364 0592 mob 0754 734 1175 |
| Joiner | Paul Whitehead | 353 0493 mob 07762 637 374 |
| Painter and Decorator | A Foreshaw | 327 4788 mob 07979 233 422 |
| Health and Wellness—Pilates | Peter Heath | 644 9279 mob 07808 920 813 |
| PAT testing | Joey Farrell | mob 07723 997434 |
| Gas Service | Mike Jones | 342 5805 Mob 07813 137134 |

Following a suggestion from various readers, we have compiled the above list based on their recommendations. If you know of anybody else who would like to be included please inform any of the Editorial Team.

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

The Magazine

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The deadline for submission of materials for the next edition is
Monday 15th January 2018.

Register of Baptism, Burials and Marriages for 2017 (to date)

Extracts from the Church Registers

BAPTISMS

Benjamin Rhys LEADBETTER 22.10.17

MARRIAGES

BURIALS

| | Age | Date of death | Date of burial of ashes |
|--------------------------------|-----|---------------|-------------------------|
| Arthur Geoffrey Halliday | 93 | 30.5.17 | 3.7.17 |
| and Winifred Gertrude Halliday | 88 | 26.5.12 | 3.7.17 |
| Doreen Harrison | 78 | 23.10.17 | 9.11.17 |

Mary Bean

Congratulations to Mary who celebrated her 100th birthday on the 2nd November. Mary was a regular member of the congregation at All Saints before going into residential care.

A little bit of Humour!

A woman walked into her kitchen to find her husband stalking around with a fly swatter.

What are you doing? she asked

“Hunting Flies” he replied

“Oh! Have you managed to Kill any?” she asked

“Yes. - 3 males and 2 females”

Intrigued she asked “ How can you tell them apart?”

He replied “**Easy - 3 flies were on a beer can and 2 were on the phone!!**”



Picturesque Wirral Calendar 2018

The 2018 Wirral Picturesque Calendar in Aid of Parkinsons UK and All Saints Church is now available from Alan Smathers. The Calendar costs £5 each. It is also available at the Village Hall and at various outlets on the Wirral.



Events for December and January



Services in the Nursing Homes

Brimstage Manor

Tuesday 5th December @ 2:15 pm

Tuesday 9th January @ 2:15 pm

Westwood Hall

Tuesday 16th January @ 2:15 pm

Church members are encouraged to take part: Please speak to Daniel.

Come and Join Us Carol Singing at



Westwood Hall and Brimstage Manor

Tuesday 19th December @ 2.15pm



Mrs Hunnibuns Cake and Coffee Morning

9th December
and 13th January @ 10.30am

In the Parish Hall

Home-baked cakes appreciated

Please speak to

Eileen Roberts or Heather Timms



You are all warmly invited to join our
Special Christmas Services

To be held this December

See below for dates and times

Advent Carol Service 3rd December at 10.30am

Christingle 10th December at 4.00pm

9 Lessons and Carols Sunday 17th December at 6.30pm

Christmas Eve at 11.00pm on Sunday 24th December

Christmas Day 10.30am Monday 25th December

EPIPHANY

This will be celebrated on Sunday 7th January 2018 with a Communion Service for all ages at 10.30am .



December 2017



| | | | |
|---------------|-----------|-------|---|
| Friday | 1 | 19:00 | Choir Practice |
| Saturday | 2 | | |
| Sunday | 3 | | 1st Sunday of Advent |
| | | 08:00 | Holy Communion Service |
| | | 10:30 | Advent Carol Service |
| | | 18:30 | Evening Prayer Service |
| Monday | 4 | 09:00 | cots2tots (Parish Hall) |
| Tuesday | 5 | 10:00 | Coffee Plus (5 Lough Green) |
| | | 14:15 | Brimstage Manor Nursing Home Service |
| | | 20:00 | Home Group (74 Brimstage Road) |
| Wednesday | 6 | 10:30 | Holy Communion Service |
| Thursday | 7 | 19:15 | Abide (18 Oteley Ave) |
| Friday | 8 | 19:00 | Choir Practice |
| Saturday | 9 | 09.30 | Decorate the Church for Christmas |
| | | 10:30 | Mrs Hunnibuns Cake and Coffee Shop (Parish Hall) |
| | | 14:00 | Prepare Christingles in church |
| Sunday | 10 | | 2nd Sunday of Advent |
| | | 08:00 | Holy Communion Service |
| | | 10:30 | Holy Communion Service |
| | | 16:00 | Christingle Service |
| Monday | 11 | 09:00 | cots2tots - Parish Hall |
| | | 10:45 | Crib Service |
| | | 11:00 | Monday Group Trip to Gordale |
| Tuesday | 12 | | |
| Wednesday | 13 | 10:30 | Holy Communion Service |
| | | 14:15 | ACF/Chatterbox Club Christmas Party - Parish Hall |
| Thursday | 14 | 19:15 | Abide (18 Oteley Ave) |
| Friday | 15 | 19:00 | Choir Practice |

Saturday 16 14:00 Birthday Party for Jesus (Parish Hall)

Sunday 17 3rd Sunday of Advent

08:00 Holy Communion Service

10:30 Morning Prayer Service (All Ages)

18:30 Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Monday 18

Tuesday 19 10:00 Coffee Plus (5 Lough Green)

14:15 Carol Singing at Westwood Hall and Brimstage Manor Nursing Homes

20:00 Home Group (74 Brimstage Road)

Wednesday 20 10:30 Holy Communion Service

Thursday 21

Friday 22

Saturday 23

Sunday 24 4th Sunday of Advent

08:00 Holy Communion Service

10:30 Morning Prayer Service (All Ages)

18:30 No Evening Service

23.00 Christmas Night Communion Service

Monday 25 Christmas Day

10:30 Christmas Day Holy Communion Service (All Ages)

Tuesday 26

Wednesday 27

Thursday 28

Friday 29

Saturday 30

Sunday 31 1st Sunday of Christmas

08:00 Holy Communion Service

10:30 Morning Prayer Service

United with St George's URC

No Evening Service



January 2018

| | | |
|---------------|-----------|--|
| Monday | 1 | Bank Holiday |
| Tuesday | 2 | 20:00 Home Group (74 Brimstage Road) |
| Wednesday | 3 | 10:30 Holy Communion Service |
| Thursday | 4 | |
| Friday | 5 | 19:00 Choir Practice |
| Saturday | 6 | |
| Sunday | 7 | The Epiphany |
| | | 08:00 Holy Communion Service |
| | | 10:30 Holy Communion Service (All ages) |
| | | <i>No evening service</i> |
| Monday | 8 | 09:00 cots2tots (Parish Hall) |
| | | 14:00 Monday Group |
| Tuesday | 9 | 14:15 Brimstage Manor Nursing Home Service |
| | | 19:45 Bible Study Group (64 Eton Drive) |
| Wednesday | 10 | 10:30 Holy Communion Service |
| | | 14:15 ACF Annual General Meeting (Parish Hall) |
| Thursday | 11 | |
| Friday | 12 | 19:00 Choir Practice |
| Saturday | 13 | 10:30 Mrs Hunnibuns Cake and Coffee Shop (Parish Hall) |
| Sunday | 14 | 2nd Sunday of Epiphany |
| | | <i>No 8am service</i> |
| | | 10:30 Morning Prayer Service |
| | | 18:30 Holy Communion Service |
| Monday | 15 | 09:00 cots2tots (Parish Hall) |
| Tuesday | 16 | 10:00 Coffee Plus (5 Lough Green) |
| | | 14:15 Chatterbox Club |
| | | 14:15 Westwood Hall Nursing Home Service |
| | | 20:00 Home Group (74 Brimstage Road) |

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|-----------|----|-------|------------------------|
| Wednesday | 17 | 10:30 | Holy Communion Service |
| Thursday | 18 | | |
| Friday | 19 | 19:00 | Choir Practice |
| Saturday | 20 | | |

Sunday 21 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

| | | | |
|--|--|-------|---------------------------|
| | | 08:00 | Holy Communion Service |
| | | 10:30 | Holy Communion Service |
| | | | <i>No evening service</i> |

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|-----------|----|-------|--|
| Monday | 22 | 09:00 | cots2tots (Parish Hall) |
| | | 19.30 | Prayer for Christian Unity (All Saints Church) |
| Tuesday | 23 | 14.00 | Prayer for Christian Unity (St George’s Church) |
| | | 19:45 | Bible Study Group |
| Wednesday | 24 | 10:30 | Coffee Morning (Parish Hall) |
| Thursday | 25 | | |
| Friday | 26 | 19:00 | Choir Practice |
| Saturday | 27 | | |

Sunday 28 4th Sunday of Epiphany
Leprosy Mission Sunday
No 8am service

| | | | |
|-----------|----|-------|-----------------------------|
| | | 10:30 | Morning Prayer Service |
| | | 18:30 | Holy Communion Service |
| Monday | 29 | 09:00 | cots2tots (Parish Hall) |
| Tuesday | 30 | 10:00 | Coffee Plus (5 Lough Green) |
| Wednesday | 31 | | |



Who to contact about our groups

Bible Study

| | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Monday Group | Rita Longman | 538 7898 |
| Coffee Plus | Lisa Deighton-Ankers | 334 2204 |
| Bible Study and Prayer | Shirley McEvoy | 336 3449 |
| Home Group | Alice Jones | alice@allsaintsth.org.uk |

Children and young people

| | | |
|------------------------|-----------------|---|
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| | | |
|-----------|-----------------|---|
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