

All Saints Church Thornton Hough

The Magazine



April - May 2019



All Saints Dates for your Diary

All Saints Church Thornton Hough

Thursday May 16th at 7:30pm

Installation of Rev'd Vicky Barrett as Vicar of All Saints

The service will be followed by a reception in the Parish Hall.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Mothering Sunday - March 31st

Our family service for Mothering Sunday is at 10:30am and our preacher will be the Archdeacon of Chester - The Venerable Dr Michael Gilbertson. All are most welcome to come along.

Annual Parish Meetings April 28th

These will take place on Sunday April 28th following the 10:30am service (which will be a shortened Morning Prayer service). Please make it a priority to attend these important meetings.

All Saints' Church Thornton Hough

10:30 am Sunday April 7th

No story so divine...

Music and readings for Passontide led by All Saints' Church Choir.

The service will include the St Mark's account of the Passontide story, hymns for the congregation to join in as well as choral items sung by the choir.

All are welcome.

Men's Discussion Group Breakfast

Saturday 6th April at 8 am

Thornton Hall Hotel.

The Speaker is **Dave Portway**.

Dave runs a charity dealing with prisons and helping the prisoners and ex-offenders.

anyone interested in attending please contact

Charles Elphick 0151 336 4823

WELCOME LETTER FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

As we prepare to welcome our new Vicar, Rev Victoria Barrett, to All Saints in May we encourage our reflection on how we can welcome our new Vicar into our congregation, reflect individually and collectively on the period of interregnum. It has been a challenging time but also a period when we have seen growth and development in how we have worked together as a church.

It has also been a challenging time for the country as a whole. For wider society, with increased use of food banks, political uncertainty over the future of the country and how we as a society treat the vulnerable.

In Colossians 3:12 we are encouraged to take on the qualities of “compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience” (NIV). In a church where we are able to be all of these we will be a beacon of Christ in the community. Paul calls for the church to put on these qualities but in the following verse encourages those in the early church to “bear with each other and forgive” each other. So as a new season begins in the life of the church let us both try to improve ourselves and be willing to see past each other’s failing as we work together towards a common goal.

We are not perfect but together we are stronger. By bearing with one another, loving and forgiving one another we can be unified in our fellowship in Christ.

Alice Jones and Patsy Baker



Introducing our New Vicar - Revd Vicky Barrett

"Let me tell you a story..."

It is a great privilege and joy to be joining you as Vicar at All Saints, Thornton Hough. One of the things which I am particularly looking forward to is listening to all your stories, for stories, whether simply in the recounting of events in answer to the question, "How did your day go?" or lengthier tales with multiple perspectives, twists and turns, are the way in which we share something of ourselves and begin to create new stories as we do so.

It is always a tricky thing to know how to respond to the question. "Where do you come from?" when you've spent a lot of your life moving around, but I hope it will be helpful if I tell you a little bit about my story.

I am the youngest of five and was brought up in Hampton, south-west London. Ours was a noisy, bookish, crowded kind of home. My father and two elder brothers sang in the parish church choir, but my faith was kindled by conversations with one of my sisters, and I went to a House Church with her for many years.

I studied English at St John's College, Cambridge. Not only did I enjoy immersing myself in literature from Anglo-Saxon poetry to contemporary fiction, but amongst other things I took up running, donning a light-blue vest in a cross-country race against Oxford on one occasion. I also became involved with the College Chapel, where as well as having beautiful choral services, I learned to love the quieter, spoken services. Was God possibly hinting at what was to come as I led Compline there?

After a year in Leeds where I gained my Post-Graduate Certificate in Education in English and Drama, I embarked on a teaching career that I thought was going to be the pattern of my entire working life. I gradually progressed from classroom teacher, first in a large comprehensive in Peterborough and then at the much smaller, independent Bristol Cathedral School, and then headed north to Blackpool as Head of Department, then back down south to Portsmouth (I do love the sea!) as Senior Teacher responsible for publicity and marketing and then north again to Stockport as Deputy Head (I also love hills).



One way in which I have got to know each new place I have moved to has been to join a local running club. In this way I have met some wonderful characters and explored different neighbourhoods in a way that a trip in a car or even on a bike can't quite match. I have competed in races on the road, track and cross-country. My proudest athletic moment so far has been running in the New Forest Marathon, and being cheered in as first lady by my family who had come to watch, followed by one of the most painful: walking across a rough ploughed field to find my car as my legs had started to seize up.

Another thing which has captivated me is the continent of Africa. A colleague at the school in Blackpool set up a link with a remote village in Tanzania, whereby students and staff spent two years fund-raising to help purchase equipment and build new facilities at the school and then a team would go out to the village with further supplies and spend a month there. I accompanied five female students, and found that the experience of sharing life with the villagers and an array of wildlife – some of which was highly poisonous – was utterly life-changing.

A friend who runs a charity supporting families working with various Non-Governmental Organisations in Africa who are home-schooling their children happened to ask me whether I might be interested in going to Namibia to help coach parents in English teaching and study skills. I jumped at the chance, and have since helped at conferences in Madagascar and Mozambique, offering workshops to parents to generate ideas for creative writing, teaching grammar, drama and how to assess work, as well as leading activities for their children. Meeting people who are working in remote places and getting to know more about the different cultures is fascinating.

“But wait a minute,” you may be thinking, “how come you’re now a vicar? How did that happen?” How indeed.

I spent many years running away from the idea. I was Chapel Treasurer during my final year at College, and received a letter of thanks for a donation I had sent from an orphanage in Bolivia addressed to “Reverendissimo Sir Magnificence V. Barrett”. My family continue to tease me about this, but the Rev. bit seemed to niggle away in the midst of the teasing. Later, whilst in Blackpool, a retired vicar and his wife took me under their wing, and one day after I’d read the prayers in a service asked me whether I’d considered ordination. Time to move on to a new job!

It was several years later at my parish church in Hazel Grove, Stockport, that I decided that I should attend one of Chester Diocese’s vocations days just to silence those people who were still asking me whether I had thought about ordination.

I was very active and happy there: still doing intercessions, but also leading an annual Holiday Club, member of a Bible Study group, helping set up a puppet ministry team; but I was convinced that my vocation was in education, and was applying for Headteacher positions.

A new calling emerged; the one who was silenced by the vocations day was me. I completed the Foundations for Ministry course run by Chester Diocese which enabled me to explore possible next steps, along with some testing conversations with the Diocesan Director of Ordinands. After a three-day residential in which I was rigorously interviewed and tested I was recommended for ordination training.

Bishop Peter introduced me to an unfamiliar Latin phrase at my debriefing meeting with him afterwards. “*Totus porcus!*” he exclaimed. I was bemused. “*Totus porcus!*” he repeated. “Go the whole hog!”

“Going the whole hog” in my case meant giving up teaching and spending two years in full time study at Ripon College Cuddesdon, a beautiful rural setting just outside Oxford. I loved the experience. I found myself involved in a range of different forms of worship and embraced the rhythm of Morning and Evening Prayer. As well as church placements in an Anglo-Catholic setting and another in a broader evangelical one, I shadowed the Diocesan Rural Officer through various events, spent one afternoon a week for two terms with the chaplaincy team at a secure psychiatric unit, and a week with the chaplaincy team at a Young Offenders’ Institution.

I had imagined that my time in rural Cuddesdon would be followed by a return to suburban life for my curacy. Yet again, my assumptions were overturned, and I came to the parish of St Boniface, Bunbury, in a corner of rural Cheshire. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the people there, learning the patterns of life in worship, leading services, singing in the choir, sharing meals and events such as putting on a pantomime with the Youth Club and running a bric-a-brac stall in the style of Aunty Wainwright from “Last of the Summer Wine”.

The next stage of the adventure begins: God has certainly been showing me that his plans are far beyond my imagination; I wonder what he has been showing you? It will be very exciting to grow and learn together, guided by the Holy Spirit, and to create new stories as we go.

You are all very much in my prayers as I prepare to move into the vicarage. I look forward to seeing you very soon.

Rev'd Vicky Barrett

Notes on the PCC meetings held on 4th February and 13th March

Bishop Keith had sent his congratulations on the way the interview day for a new incumbent had been conducted and said that it had been a good experience for all the candidates. Rev'd Helen Edwards, the Simeon's Trustees' representative had also sent her thanks. Rev'd Vicky Barrett has been appointed as the new vicar of All Saints. The Installation Service will be on Thursday 16th May. Patsy Baker and Alice Jones are to meet with the Rural Dean, Rev'd Beth Glover, to discuss the invitations and arrangements for the service. We shall provide refreshments after the service; it is expected that some people could be travelling quite a distance to be here.

The Diocese has been doing some repairs in the vicarage in preparation for Vicky moving in. The PCC has agreed to make a contribution towards some of the re-decorating costs.

Vandals broke into the church in February and damaged the doors into the choir vestry and the vicar's vestry. Permission to repair the damage has now been given by the Diocese and the insurers. Quotes have been obtained and Henry Willis and Sons, the organ builders, have been given the go ahead. The choir vestry door is part of the organ case and they have the skill and the old wood needed to rebuild the doors, make good the side of the organ case and to make the repairs blend in. The cost of the repair is about £2,000 and we need to pay the excess of £500. A CD player was also stolen and this will be replaced on the insurance. The church will remain locked until the work is completed but it will then be opened again during day.

In the Treasurer's report, the Management Accounts for December 2018 and the End of Year Financial Statement 2018 were circulated in advance of the February meeting. The 2018 budget had a predicted deficit of about £18,000. However, the final result was a surplus of £256 because of a donation from the Raby Trust, savings made following the resignation of the Families Worker, donations received for organ tuning and maintenance of the Raby Road graveyard and savings during the interregnum. The level of income from investments and giving is down; open plate donations have dropped significantly recently. After some discussion the PCC accepted the End of Year Financial Statement for 2018. The management accounts for January and February showed a fall in giving income.

The preparation of the Annual Report was discussed. Sue Stinson suggested that in the absence of a vicar she should produce the Annual Report in the same way that she had done in previous years.

It was agreed that the 150th anniversary celebrations were a major feature of 2018 and that pictures and a report should appear in the Annual Report. A draft version was circulated in advance of the March meeting and approved by the PCC at the meeting.

The arrangements for the Annual Meetings were discussed. They will take place on Sunday 28th April starting at 11:30am, after a short morning service. Nomination forms for churchwardens and members of the PCC will be available at the back of church prior to the meeting. Please consider whether this is a way in which you could serve the church. Four members of the PCC elected by the laity are up for re-election this year, five are not. If the electoral roll has between 100 and 200 members we can have up to 12 members elected by the laity. Churchwardens and Deanery Synod representatives are in addition to the elected members.

Some hedge cutting has been done in the Raby Road graveyard and it is looking tidier. No work was being done in the colder months but is starting again in March. Looking at the maintenance of both the churchyard and the graveyard is on the agenda of the Fabric and Health and Safety Committee when they next meet.

The Electoral Roll has to be renewed this year. Elly Macbeath, the Electoral Roll Officer has posted the formal notice about this on the church noticeboard in the porch, forms had been printed and there is a box at the back of church to collect the completed forms. Everyone is required to reapply this year if they wish to be on the electoral roll.

Di Hughes said that many people had been disappointed that a calendar had not been produced this year. She raised the possibility of producing one for sale for 2020. After some discussion it was agreed to take this forward. Ruth Whieldon, Alan Smathers and Brian Morris have agreed to help. The photographs for the calendar will be selected from competition entries and should be taken in the parish. The prize would be seeing your photo printed in the calendar!

The links to our safeguarding policy on the website have been revised following recent recommendations by the Diocese.

A letter of resignation had been received from Rachel Brothwell; for personal reasons she is no longer able to be on the PCC. The PCC expressed its gratitude to Rachel for all she has done and agreed that she would be missed. Members of the PCC are grateful that at present Rachel is prepared to continue to help with functions and carry on as the cots2tots coordinator.

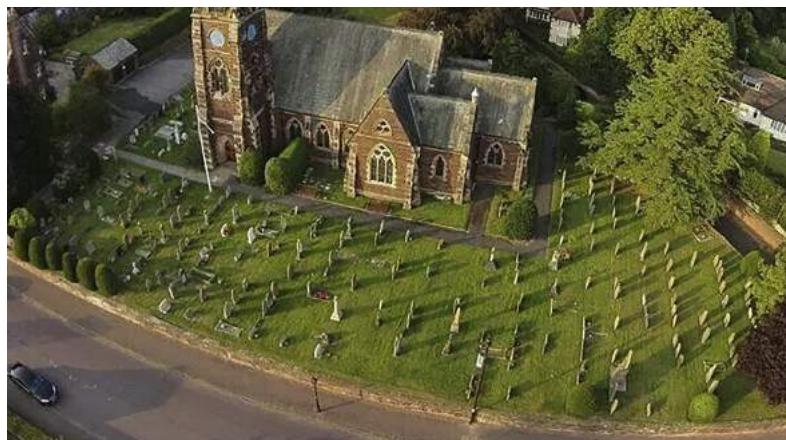
Monuments in the Graveyards

As you may be aware, All Saints has two graveyards, one around the church and another further down Raby Road. Both of these graveyards are readily accessible to the general public.

The PCC is responsible for safety within the graveyards. One hazard generally acknowledged within graveyards is that they contain many monuments, some of significant size and weight, and that monuments may deteriorate with the passing years. The Diocese issues guidance to PCCs for the management of Safety in Churchyards. This guidance highlights the need for periodic inspections of the monuments.

You may sometimes see me, clipboard in hand, carrying out these inspections. They are primarily a visual inspection together with applying a reasonable horizontal force by hand to the top of the monuments (or at chest height for taller monuments). Many monuments hold firm under such force but others move. Movement that returns to an original stable position is considered to be acceptable. However sometimes it is considered that some remedial action could be taken to minimise movement in the future. To carry out any such remedial work it is necessary to contact the owner of the memorial (which is the "next of kin" of the deceased rather than the church). This is a problem as, in the past, no records were kept detailing the owners of the monuments.

The deterioration of some monuments has been such that they are shown not to be able to resist the testing force to be applied. In these cases a decision has to be taken to "drop" part or all of the monument because otherwise it could fall (and potentially injure someone). Do not panic if you see a "dropped" monument or one that is "propped". If you are, or you know someone who is, the "next of kin" of the deceased in such circumstances please contact one of the churchwardens.



Peter Arch



ACF

A church fellowship for anyone from anywhere



Missionary Aviation Fellowship (MAF) "Flying for Life"

This was brought to us by Anne and Stan Chedzoy in a very comprehensive illustrated presentation. MAF has a base in each of 26 countries and fly to the remotest parts of the world using specially adapted Cessna Light Aircraft including one Cessna Grand Caravan and some amphibious planes.

They fly in these small planes to 1400 destinations. Many places are extremely challenging to reach and have rough airstrips cleared by local people. Bumpy landings are inevitable. The whole village turns out to welcome the plane.

MAF's work began in 1948 when 3 ex-service Christian pilots shared their ideas with others and in 1950 the flights began.

As well as their Christian work planes are used to bring supplies, take produce out, "rescue" people in need of emergency medical care and returning them when recovered. Sometimes the local medical centre can be only 5 miles away but would take 4—5 days to reach because of the difficult terrain.

Many surprises during the afternoon!! Did you know ostriches can fly? Well we saw one about to do that as there he was completely unruffled gazing out the window of a small aeroplane ready for take-off!! Goats can fly too as can lovely yellow baby chicks. We visited Africa and Papua New Guinea and had a very interesting afternoon. Lots of questions were generated which developed good discussions. MAF has established a base in Mongolia in the last few years.



A sales table from the society had some beautiful items made by Stan who is a wood turner in his spare time. Anne had bird books and various other items and did a brisk trade. Twenty two people were present, Margaret Crawford presided and altogether MAF received £218 towards their vital work.

March

Our trip with Tricia King was cancelled due to the adverse weather conditions. Apologies to all but we will go to India next year all being well.

Eileen Roberts



A Church Fellowship Forthcoming Events

Fellowship Meeting in the Parish Hall

Wednesday, 10th April at 2:15 pm

Revd Nick Jones An Easter Topic

Fellowship Meeting in the Parish Hall

Wednesday, 8th May at 2:15 pm

Gaynor Adam from "Home Instead" An Alzheimer's Workshop

Chatterbox

Tuesday, 16th April, and Tuesday, 21st May at 2:15 pm

Venue : 64 Eton Drive

Coffee mornings in the Parish Hall

Wednesday, 24th April and Wednesday, 22nd May at 10:30 am.

Cakes, cards, jams, chutneys, etc, plus Raffle. Raffle Items welcomed

Everybody welcome to all our activities

Eileen Roberts



Congratulations

Congratulations to Diane and David Hughes of Westwood Farm, Thornton Hough, as they celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on the 5th April. They were married in All Saints Church in 1969 and held their wedding reception at Westwood Grange (now The Red Fox).

Di has been a faithful and much valued member of the choir for 58 years and during that time has also served on the P.C.C. and is a past Churchwarden.

We wish Diane and David many more years of happiness together.

Holy Week and Easter Services

Sunday April 14th Palm Sunday

On Palm Sunday we remember when Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah: the people spread palms before him and shouted “Hosanna” as he entered the city. Palm Sunday begins Holy Week when we remember the events leading up to Jesus’ suffering and death on the cross and his glorious resurrection from the dead.



10:30am All Age Morning Prayer

6:30pm Holy Communion



Thursday April 18th Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday contains a rich complex of themes: humble Christian service expressed through Christ’s washing of his disciples’ feet, the institution of the Eucharist (Holy Communion) and the perfection of Christ’s loving obedience through the agony of Gethsemane.

7:00pm Holy Communion at All Saints

Friday April 19th Good Friday

On Good Friday we commemorate Jesus’ death on the cross, his dying for the sins of all. It is a very solemn day but we know that by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God delivered and saved the world.



10:30 Meditation

(United Service at All Saint’s Church)

Sunday April 21st Easter Day



We celebrate Jesus’ rising from the dead and his victory over death and sin. We rejoice that by his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has restored to us everlasting life.

8:00am Holy Communion

(Book of Common Prayer)

10:30am All Age Holy Communion

Some Easter traditions

Maundy Thursday



Every year, on the Thursday before Good Friday, the Queen hands out special purses of coins to elderly people who have worked in their community. Leaders of Christian countries have handed out Maundy money, and performed other acts of public humility at Easter, since the fourth century. .

Easter Parade



In the UK, many children build and decorate colourful paper bonnets at school before Easter, then join a local parade through their town or village on Easter Monday to show them off. New clothes at Easter are traditionally considered to be good luck.

Hot Cross Buns



Hot cross buns are spiced raisin buns traditionally eaten on Good Friday. In the 19th century, a London widow hung a hot cross bun up for her sailor son at Easter, but he died at sea without returning. The widow then hung a bun up every year in his memory - the house, which became The Widow's Son pub in Mile End, was known as the Bun House.

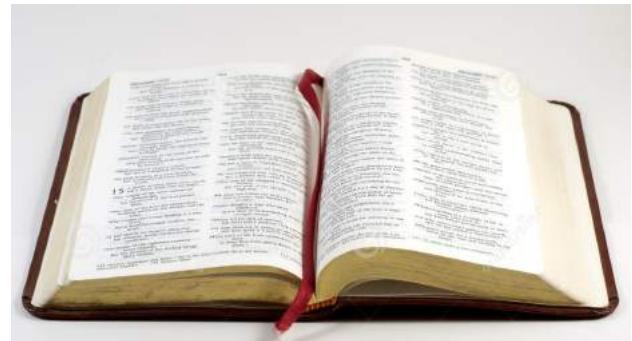
Egg rolling



The tradition of rolling decorated eggs down grassy hills goes back hundreds of years and is known as "pace-egging", from the Old English Pasch meaning Passover. In Avenham Park Preston there is an annual egg rolling competition; egg rolling has been a tradition at Avenham Park for hundreds of years.

A Bible Quiz

1. How many books are there in the Bible?
2. How many books are there in the Old Testament?
3. How many books are there in the New Testament?
4. Which is the shortest book in the Bible?
5. Which is the longest book in the Bible?
6. Which is the shortest chapter in the Bible?
7. Which is the longest chapter in the Bible?
8. Which is the shortest verse in the Bible?
9. Which is the longest verse in the Bible?
10. Which chapter of which book has been calculated as being at the middle of the Bible?
11. Which is the first book in the Bible?
12. Which is the last book in the Bible?
13. Which is the first book in the New Testament?
14. Which is the last book in the Old Testament?
15. In what year was the Authorised Version of the Bible first produced?
16. Which English monarch was responsible for the Authorised Version of the Bible?
17. What are the first three words of the book of Genesis?
18. Which other book begins with the same three words?
19. In what language was most of the Old Testament originally written?
20. In what language was most of the New Testament written?



Answers on page 30

Electoral Roll Revision

We have to establish a new Electoral Roll this year. Anyone who wants to be included on the Electoral Roll must complete and return an application form. *No one on the existing roll can be carried forward, everyone needs to complete an application form.* Application forms are available at the back of church, and when completed should be placed in the box at the back of church or handed to one of the churchwardens or to the Electoral Roll Office, Elly Macbeath. The deadline for returning completed forms is Monday April 1st.

Holy Week and Easter word search

Can you find these words in the grid below? Do you know how each word relates to the Holy Week and Easter Story?

ANGELS
BETRAYED
BREAD
CROSS
CROWN
CRUCIFIXION
DARKNESS
DONKEY
EASTER
GARDEN

GETHSEMANE
GOLGOTHA
HEROD
HOSANNA
JERUSALEM
JESUS
JESUS
JUDAS
KING
NAILS

PALM
PASSION
RESURRECTION
SILVER
SOLDIERS
STONE
THORNS
TOMB
WINE
WOODEN

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Calendar 2020 and photograph competition

We hope to be able to produce a calendar for 2020 which we are going sell in aid of All Saints. The calendar will feature photographs taken in the parish.

We are holding a competition to select the photographs which will be included in the calendar. The “winning” photographs will be selected by a panel of judges and the prize for winning will be having your photograph included in the calendar and a copy of the calendar!

Everyone is invited to enter any number of photographs. Photographs should be taken around Thornton Hough, Raby, Raby Mere and Brimstage. If possible we want photographs which cover all the seasons of the year so that the illustrations for each month can be appropriate to the season. Any people included on the photograph must not be identifiable. The photograph should be well composed and suitable for hanging on someone else’s wall!

You may have photographs you have taken in the last few years which you want to enter and this is perfectly acceptable.

The photograph must have been taken by the entrant. The entrant can retain the copyright to the image but in entering the image into the competition must agree that All Saints Thornton Hough may use the image without any charge in its publications or on its website providing copyright is acknowledged.

Digital photographs taken on most modern phones, tablets and digital cameras will be suitable. Black and white photographs as well as coloured photographs will be accepted. [For the technically minded: the photographs should be a minimum size of 2500 x 3500 pixels (6 MP). The photographs should be submitted in JPEG or TIFF format, with no or minimal compression to preserve image quality. Digital manipulation should be limited to minor adjustments and cropping.]

Prints from film cameras may also be submitted; they must be at least 6 x 8 inches (152 x 203 mm) and unmounted.

The deadline for entries into the competition is **31st July 2019**. This will allow sufficient time for the calendar to be created and printed and we would expect the calendar to be on sale towards the end of September. The “winners” will be notified as soon as possible.

How to submit your entry:

By email: Send the image as a JPEG (jpg) attachment to photos@allsaintsth.org.uk; you should include your name and contact details in the email message. We shall send you an acknowledgement to say that we have received your entry. Most smart phones include facilities to allow you to do this. Always select the maximum file size (highest quality option) that you are given when sending directly from your phone or tablet.

On a memory stick: put the image as a JPEG or TIFF file on an otherwise empty USB memory stick; write your name and contact details on a piece of paper and place this along with the memory stick in a sealed envelope and hand it to one of The Magazine editorial team. Your entry will be copied from the memory stick and the memory stick returned to you.

Prints from film cameras: Place the photograph in a suitable envelope, include a piece of paper with your name and contact details in the envelope and pass the sealed envelope to one of The Magazine editorial team. Your entry will be scanned and the original photograph returned to you.

Sponsorship of the Calendar

If anybody would like to sponsor a page of the calendar to help with printing cost please contact Brian Morris on **336 1393**

Parish Hall

The Parish Hall is available for special events such as children's parties, birthday celebrations or anniversaries at a reasonable cost. Please contact Margaret Gamble on 336 7540 for availability and further details.

POETRY CORNER

On First Looking Into Chapman's Homer

John Keats



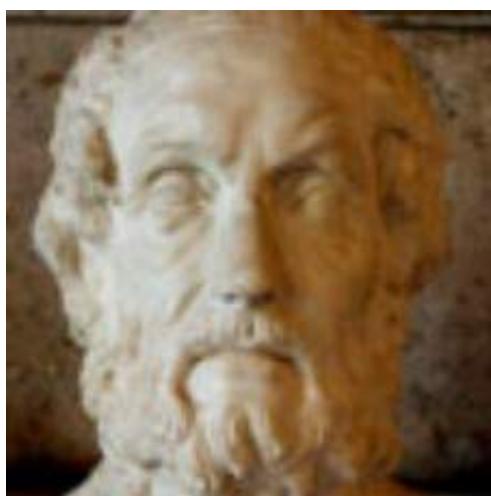
Much have I travell'd in the realms of gold
And many goodly states and kingdoms seen,
Round many western islands have I been
Which bards in fealty to Apollo hold.

Oft of one wide expanse had I been told
That deep-browed Homer ruled as his demesne
Yet did I never breathe its pure serene
Till I heard Chapman speak out loud and bold.

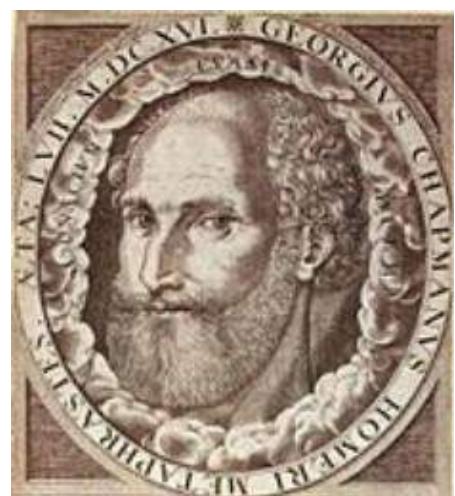
Then felt I like some watcher of the skies
When a new planet swims into his ken
Or like stout Cortez when with eagle eyes
He star'd at the Pacific - and all his men
Look'd at each other with a wild surmise -
Silent, upon a peak in Darien.



Charles Cowden
Clarke



Homer



George Chapman

This lovely Italian sonnet (rhyming abba, abba, cdcdcd) is one of the world's finest thank you letters. 20-year-old Keats (1795-1821) left it on the breakfast table for his friend Charles Cowden Clarke, with whom he had just sat up all one night in October 1816, reading (and often "shouting with delight" at) Clarke's copy of George Chapman's translation (1616) of Homer's works: *The Iliad* (fall of Troy) and *The Odyssey* (Ulysses's adventures on his way home from the Trojan war).

Keats didn't get to Greece, or anywhere abroad, until just before his tragic death, so the places he has *travell'd* are purely in his imagination, from his reading. *Bards* were performance poets, *Apollo* was the Greek god who taught the nine muses their arts (especially poetry) and *fealty* is archaic for loyalty or obedience, so the first quatrain is an elaborate metaphor, comparing the experience of reading stories and poems to that of visiting foreign countries and sailing round exotic islands. It tells us Keats thought himself pretty well-read.

In the second quatrain he admits he knew about Homer's works but never appreciated them until reading Chapman's translation. Discovering this new world - *demesne* is archaic for domaine - Keats is as astonished as Herschel when he discovered *a new planet* - Uranus - in 1781, or Cortez (actually *in Darien* it was Balboa, Cortez explored Mexico) realising that he was not in India, but in a new world: America.

Although he never learnt Greek, Keats wrote three epic poems on Greek themes before he died aged 26 - *Endymion*, *Lamia* and the unfinished *Hyperion* - although his Italian-inspired narrative poems, *Isabella* and *The Eve of St Agnes*, are more accessible to modern readers. His five Odes are his greatest poems. The one *On a Grecian Urn*, ends: "Beauty is truth, truth beauty, that is all ye know on earth, and all ye need to know".

Caroline Lancelyn Green

Thank You

A big thank you to The Red Fox and to Thornton Hall Hotel for supporting our magazine through including an advert in our pages. If anybody else would like to have an advert included please contact any of the Magazine Team.

COOKERY CORNER

SOLE A LA BONNE MAMAN

1lb sole in one piece	Chopped onions
Chopped mushrooms	Chopped parsley
Salt and pepper	A little white wine



Butter an ovenproof dish just big enough to take the length of the fish.

Sprinkle with half the chopped onion, mushrooms and parsley and some seasoning.

Lay the skinned fish on this mixture and cover with the other half of the mixture. Add enough white wine to moisten.

Dot with butter and cook for 12 mins at 190 degrees.

Wirral Foodbank

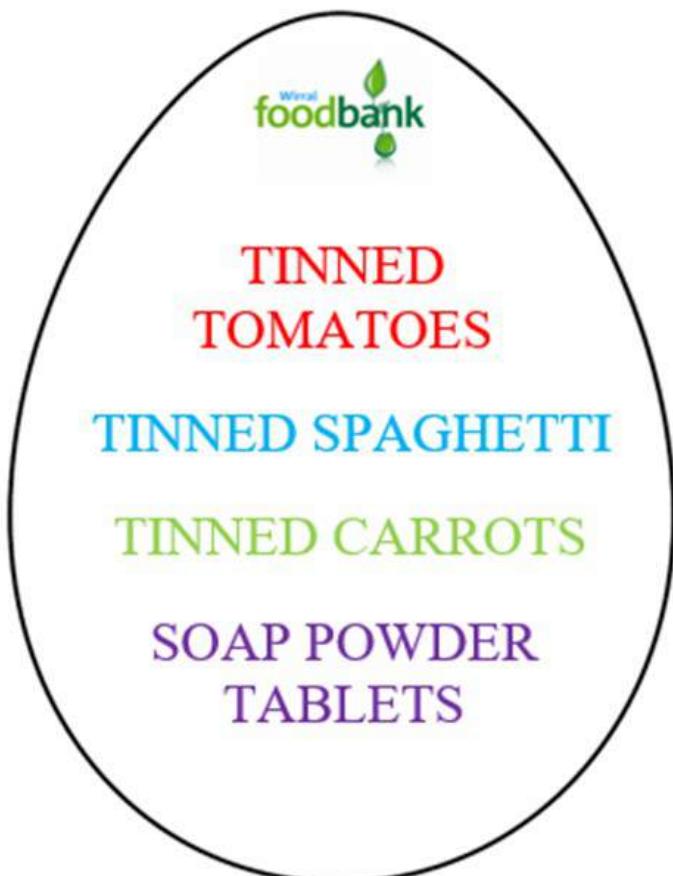
You will undoubtedly have heard that the use of foodbanks has increased by 52% on this time last year; as a result the foodbank is using up the food donated at Christmas at a very fast rate.

Many churches like to have a collection for the foodbank during Lent and Easter. This year, because the need is so great, the foodbank is asking that we collect *ordinary items* and not chocolate eggs.

We at All Saints have been asked to particularly collect the items listed in the Easter egg illustration.

Please bring these items to church so that we may take them to the foodbank on *Monday April 15th*.

Thank you.



Cookery Corner

Simple Simnel Cake (for Easter)

Preparation time

30 mins to 1 hour

Ingredients

175g/6oz light muscovado sugar	175g/6oz butter, softened
175g/6oz self-raising flour	3 large eggs
25g/1oz ground almonds	2 tbsp milk

100g/4oz sultanas

100g/4oz cherries, quartered, washed, and dried
100g/4oz dried apricots, snipped into small pieces

100g/4oz stem ginger, finely chopped

1 tsp mixed spice and 2 tsp ground ginger

To serve

450g/1lb golden marzipan

3 tbsp apricot jam 1 egg, beaten

Method

Preheat oven 160C/320F/Gas 3.

Grease and line the base and sides of a 20cm/8in deep, round cake tin with baking parchment.

Measure all the cake ingredients into a large mixing bowl and beat well until thoroughly blended. Place half the mixture into the prepared tin and level the surface.

Take one third of the marzipan and roll into a circle the same size as the cake tin, place the circle on top of the cake mixture. Spoon the remaining mixture on top of the marzipan and level the surface.

Bake for about one and three-quarter to two hours or until golden brown and firm in the middle. If towards the end of the cooking time the cake is getting too brown, loosely cover with a piece of foil. Allow the cake to cool in the tin before turning onto a cooling rack.

When the cake is cool brush the top with a little warmed apricot jam. Roll out half the remaining marzipan to the size of the cake and sit it on the top. Crimp the edges of the marzipan and make a lattice pattern in the centre of the marzipan using a sharp knife. Make 11 even sized balls from the remaining marzipan and arrange around the edge.

Brush with beaten egg and glaze under a hot grill for about five minutes, turning the cake round so it browns evenly, so the marzipan is tinged brown all over. (You can also do this with a blow torch if preferred)



What is RAIDAG?

RAIDAG is the Reunion Amicale Internationale de Danseurs Amateurs sur Glace, was started in 1951, so 2020 will be its 70th year.

Every January since then Ice Dancers from all over the world have come together to the Swiss town of Celerina for a week of social Ice Dance. Celerina lies below St Moritz, at the bottom of the famous Cresta Run. There are some 14 Bob -Runs in the world and the Cresta is the oldest, and the only one made of natural ice. It gave its name to the Cresta Palace Hotel, where RAIDAG meets. This five star hotel might be out of the price range for many, but the January week and the group booking enables us to enjoy a reduced rate.



Above is a picture of the hotel and the rinks.

The Cresta Palace Hotel has two ice rinks at its disposal, which the 40 or so members use. Each day of the week there are two seminars, one for an intermediate dance and one for a more advanced one, which participants can choose between. The two "Professeurs de Patinage", or professional ice dance coaches, Lynn and Duncan, are from Solihull, and apart from the group seminars spend the rest of the

day teaching on a one to one basis. We have both rinks for our exclusive use, and with ice dance music, from 9am to 1pm, and just the one until 3pm.

On one night of the week we decamp to the Suvretta House Hotel, which is a much grander hotel even than the Cresta, and has of course a private ice rink. Here they provide glühwein and the rink is lit by flares. After an hour or so we retire to the restaurant for a fondue.



After that the hardier ones walk back through the woods, pausing on the way to sample some of their local produce brought by the French contingent (it goes pop in case you didn't guess).

Another special feature of the week is the after dinner dancing at the Cresta Palace. The tradition of the week is that we all dress up a bit, and most of the men are in black tie, and the ladies in longer dresses with a bit of sparkle here and there. Many guests who are not with RAIDAG come this week specially to dine and dance as if in an earlier era, and below are a couple of pictures of some members of the group when not on the ice.



It's an amazing shared experience and we were introduced to it by our son, Randal (aged 28 when he first went)



Homeward bound on the Glazier Express

Scirard Lancelyn Green

We enjoyed such a good talk about the Ellesmere Boat Museum at our March meeting. From a derelict site 40 years ago it is now part of the National Waterways Museum. Well worth a visit – as our Strollers discovered on Friday, 15 March.

Also in March we had our Birthday Party meal, on Tuesday, 19 March, at Mere Brook House. Such a good venue – excellent food and so well run by Lorna Tyson and her team.

Looking back to February, Sue James presented us with her ‘Ageless Grace’ programme where the whole group were actively involved in ‘gentle exercise for the gentle’ – a fun-filled evening.

Forthcoming events in April:

‘Ladies who lunch’ will meet at the Ship, Parkgate, on Friday, 5 April, at 12.30 pm.

On Friday, 12 April, we, together with some members from Poulton Lancelyn WI, will be going on a coach trip to Llangollen for a ride on the Steam Train there and lunch on the way.

Val Peter and her supporters, who work so hard for the Shoe Box Appeal, are having a Coffee Morning at our WI on Thursday, 25 April. Well worth supporting – good company, plenty of goods to buy and a good cause.

You may be aware that we now have a Defibrillator installed outside our WI. The monies raised were donated in memory of a recently deceased member, Betty Gault, plus a contribution from our Community Trust. The Defibrillator was officially opened on Monday, 18 March, by Dr Gault and family. Training in its use will be given at a future date.

Our next WI meeting will be on Tuesday, 2 April, when we will have a talk on ‘Chester Undiscovered’. In May it will be our Resolution meeting when we discuss important matters of the day – the final Resolution to be presented to Parliament.

Come and join us some time!

Ann McTigue



We are happy to report that we completed 5,400 gift-filled shoeboxes for children and families in Eastern Europe in our latest Shoebox Appeal on Wirral in December. Of these nearly 2,000 were despatched to Belarus and the remaining 3,500 were sent to Romania.



It was a pleasure to work with the Teams4U team, based in Wrexham, and they are to be congratulated on achieving their target of 50,000 boxes overall – in fact, they exceeded it – 51,315! This compares so favourably with the 38,000 boxes they processed last year and sent to Belarus, Bosnia, the Ukraine and Romania.

The Teams4U charity also works throughout the year with the local people in these countries to help to improve the quality of their lives. For more information on this please see their website: teams4u.com

Our Coffee Morning this year will be held in Thornton Hough Women's Institute on

Thursday, 25 April,

10.30 am – noon.

Tickets £2.00 (pay at the door)

for coffee/tea and cake.

Stalls will include: Cakes, Plants, Tombola and Raffle.



Please come along to support our efforts.

Val Peter (336 3419)

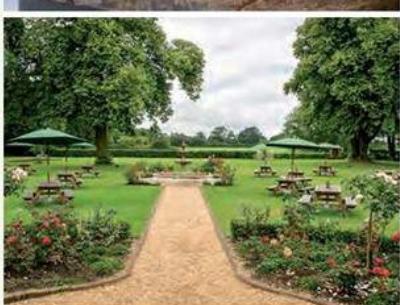
A little boy was overheard praying

“ Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I am having a good time like I am “



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In the current climate we are hearing of a Christian bookshop closure



every month, but we certainly believe that there is still '*room and life*' for us here on the Wirral! We were greatly encouraged in the run up to Christmas with support from customers who want to shop local-

ly and, working with other local independent shops, we are trying desperately to keep the High Street open for the community. May we also remind you that we also have an outlet at the West Kirby URC which is open on Wednesdays from 10am to 1pm. Please do not hesitate to contact the manager if you would like help with any orders, enquiries or bookstalls.

We are currently seeking to grow our team of volunteers to ensure the longevity of the shop and would greatly appreciate your help in sharing this information with the people you know.



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

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 Cat and the Rat – Christ Church Cathedral Dublin

In the 1860s the cathedral organ was undergoing some maintenance and was taken apart. In one of the pipes this mummified cat and rat were discovered and it is thought that in the throes of the chase, they were trapped and the unique conditions provided by the air rushing through the pipes preserved them perfectly. If you look closely you can even see the cat’s whiskers.



James Joyce makes references to this unusual artefact in *Finnegan's Wake* (1939), stating that someone was “**as stuck as that cat to that mouse in that tube of the Christchurch organ**”



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Afternoon Tea (with glass of Champagne) in the Little Fox 1.00—4.00pm

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April 9th Motor Cycle Egg Run — they ride through the village at approx. 12 noon
and is a sight worth seeing. *Refreshments will be available on the smithy Courtyard*

May 9th—12th Red Fox Beer Festival - Full details from the Red Fox

Advance Notices

July 12th - 14th Red Fox Gin Festival

July 21st Historic Car Rally arriving on the Village Green at approx. 2.00pm.

Full details will be published in the next magazine

Answers to Bible Quiz

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| 1. Sixty Six (66) | 6. Psalm 117 (2 verses) | 14. Malachi |
| 2. Thirty Nine (39) | 7. Psalm 119 (176 verses) | 15. 1611 |
| 3. Twenty Seven (27) | 8. John 11 v 35 (2 words:
"Jesus wept") | 16. King James |
| 4. a) 2nd Epistle of John (by
number of verses: 13) | 9. Esther 8 v 9 (78 words) | 17. "In the beginning" |
| 4 b) 3rd Epistle of John (by
number of words) | 10. Psalm 118 | 18. Gospel of John |
| 5. Psalms (150 Chapters)) | 11. Genesis | 19. Hebrew |
| | 12. Revelation | 20. Greek |
| | 13. Matthew | |

Register of Baptism, Burials and Marriages

Extracts from the Church Registers for

MARRIAGES - Ben William STANTON and Megan Louise SPARKS 01. 03. 2019

COFFEE ROTA

April 2019

7th Jane and Vi

14th Shirley and June

21st Heather and Eileen

28th Syd and Rachel

May 2019

5th Ron and Shirley

12th Brenda and Verity

19th Syd and Rachel

26th Shirley and June



A Little Humour!

A father had been teaching his 3 year old daughter the Lord's Prayer for several evenings at bedtime. She would repeat after him the lines of the prayer. Finally she decided to go solo. He listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word, right up to the end of the prayer "Lead us not into temptation..." she prayed ".....but deliver us from Email" !!!

More Humour

A Sunday School teacher asked her children as they were on the way to church for the morning service, " And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One of the children replied " Because people are sleeping".

Parish Diary

March

Sunday	31		Mothering Sunday / Lent 4
		10:30 am	All Age Morning Prayer (Common Worship)

April

Tuesday	2	7:30 pm	Lent Course: 'Rev.' 4/5
Wednesday	3	10:30 am	Holy Communion (Common Worship)
Friday	5	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Sunday	7		Passion Sunday / Lent 5
		8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10:30 am	Passiontide meditation (readings, music and prayers)
Tuesday	9	2:30 pm	Hymns at Brimstage Manor Nursing Home
		7:30 pm	Lent Course: 'Rev.'5/5
Wednesday	10	10:30 am	Holy Communion (Common Worship)
		2:15 pm	ACF: An Easter topic (Rev Dr Nick Jones St George's URC)
Friday	12	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Sunday	14		Palm Sunday
		10:30 am	All Age Morning Prayer (Common Worship)
		6:30 pm	Holy Communion (Common Worship)
Monday	15	9:00 am	cots2tots
Tuesday	16	2:15 pm	ACF: Chatterbox Club
Wednesday	17	10:30 am	Holy Communion (Common Worship)
Thursday	18		Maundy Thursday
		7:00 pm	Holy Communions Service at All Saints
Friday	19		Good Friday
		10:30 am	Meditation for Good Friday (United at All Saints)
		7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Sunday	21		Easter Day
		8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10:30 am	Family Holy Communion for Easter Day (Common Worship)
Wednesday	24	10:30 am	Coffee Morning
Sunday	28		Second Sunday of Easter
		10:30 am	Shortened Morning Prayer (Common Worship)
		11:30 am	Annual Parish Meetings
			PCC Meeting follows the Annual Meetings
Monday	29	9:00 am	cots2tots

May

Wednesday	1	10:30 am	Holy Communion (Common Worship)
Friday	3	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Sunday	5		Third Sunday of Easter
		8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		11:30 am	Holy Communion (Common Worship) with children's group
Tuesday	7	2:30 pm	Hymns at Brimstage Manor Nursing Home
Wednesday	8	10:30 am	Holy Communion (Common Worship)
Wednesday	8	2:15 pm	ACF: An Alzheimers' Workshop (Gaynor Adam)
Friday	10	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Sunday	12		Fourth Sunday of Easter
		10:30 am	Holy Communion (Common Worship) with children's group
Sunday	12	6:30 pm	Choral Evensong (BCP)
Monday	13	9:00 am	cots2tots
Wednesday	15	10:30 am	Holy Communion (Common Worship)
Thursday	16	7:30 pm	Installation service for the Rev' d Vicky Barrett (Vicar of All Saints Thornton Hough) Reception following the service of installation
Friday	17	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Sunday	19		Fifth Sunday of Easter
		8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10:30 am	Holy Communion (Common Worship) with children's group
Monday	20	9:00 am	cots2tots
Tuesday	21	2:15 pm	ACF: Chatterbox Club
Wednesday	22	10:30 am	Coffee Morning
Friday	24	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Sunday	26		Sixth Sunday of Easter
		10:30 am	All Age Morning Prayer (Common Worship)
		6:30 pm	Holy Communion (Common Worship)
Wednesday	29	10:30 am	Holy Communion (Common Worship)
Thursday	30		Ascension Day
		7:00 pm	Holy Communion (Common Worship)
Friday	31	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
June			
Sunday	2		Sunday after Ascension
		8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		11:00 am	United Service at St George's UR Church

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