

**All Saints' Church Thornton Hough**

# **The Magazine**



**December 2023 - January 2024**





All Saints' Church Thornton Hough

# Service of Readings and Music for Advent

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December  
at 10:30am



All Saints' Church, Thornton Hough

# Service of Lessons and Carols for Christmas

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December  
at 6:00pm

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

Everybody welcome



All Saints' Church Thornton Hough

# Christingle Service



Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December  
at 4pm  
in All Saints' Church

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

All Saints' Church, Thornton Hough

# Christmas Services

Christmas Eve, Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December  
11:00pm "Midnight" Holy Communion

Christmas Day, Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December  
10:30am Family Holy Communion

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December  
10:30am Holy Communion

Epiphany, Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January  
10:30am Family Holy Communion



## Welcome letter from the Vicar

### New Year, New You?

Even if you're reading this at the beginning of December, I can still wish you a happy New Year. Advent marks the start of the new Church year; a time of preparation for the coming of Christ, a time to anticipate of the joy of Jesus' birth, and to take the first steps on the journey which sees us travel from that joyous celebration of his birth to his death and resurrection.

In the world of 24/7 media and commerce, we are bombarded with a pre-Christmas deluge of Things: things to buy; things to do; almost, it seems, things that we have to be in order to have the perfect Christmas.

Then, with the whisk of a brightly coloured tablecloth and the rattle of decorations sent into the loft for another year, we are encouraged to dash straight from Boxing Day leftovers to a New Year laden with resolutions to do better next time, whilst being served up Crème Eggs from the sweets aisle of the supermarket.

What a contrast to the patient pilgrimage of the church year! What a contrast to the steady rhythm of the seasons of nature! There is a peace and order to be found here for us all.

At a time when our troubled world is particularly in need of the gift of peace, we remember that over two thousand years ago, out of a stable in Bethlehem came the news of the arrival of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. We pray that peace will find its way throughout our world and into the hearts and minds of all.

We cannot know what the future holds for this war-torn region of Bethlehem in our own day, or for our country and our own circumstances. Yet as the old year turns towards the new, we are invited to renew our trust in Jesus Christ and the promise of the angels who came to the shepherds with the joyful news:

"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people." (Luke 2:10; NIVUK)

As we come to this new year, may the good news of Christ's birth bring you joy and hope.

God bless you and give you a very happy Christmas and New Year!



*Vicky*



## Notes on the PCC meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> October and 14<sup>th</sup> November

At the beginning of the October meeting it was reported that the **Harvest celebrations** had been a delight and a joy- about forty seven people sat down together for the lunch. With Harvest behind us and the cooler months rapidly approaching the PCC turned its attention to the **Autumn Fair**, suggesting possible stalls and activities and volunteering to help. Vicky was also liaising with the Village Trust to organise a **litter pick** on the same day.

In both the October and November meetings we got feedback from the '**Casting the Net Wide**' roadshows from both the Deanery Chapter and the Deanery Synod. The ideas coming from the **Diocesan Vision Planning** are being channelled into our own thoughts on a vision for All Saints' Church. Two dates for discussion about our vision had been fixed for 16<sup>th</sup> November and 30<sup>th</sup> November.

**Bishop Mark** is keen that we are making new contacts with people beyond the church. What would people miss if we were not here? How does that work for us, how can we be relevant globally and locally.

The next stage is a '**Vision Sunday**' during the Epiphany season (resources are coming from the diocese) followed by strategy and implementation phases led by the diocese from January to May next year.

Recently our thoughts have been turning to how, as a church and as individuals, we can be more **eco-friendly**. In October Vicky Barrett and Linda Arch reported back on their visit to Christ Church, Bebington, to find out what they had done to achieve the **A Rocha Eco-Church** Gold Award and to see whether there were any ideas that we could implement. We heard about their composting bins, recycling area, bat boxes, fruit garden, and community fridge. They choose environmentally friendly options when renewing contracts, lights have been replaced by LED lighting, their church heating system has been re-piped, and their large (quite recently built) Parish Centre is heated by an air source heat pump. Tea, coffee and snacks are Fair Trade and Rainforest Alliance accredited. They gave us a lot of ideas and we are very grateful to Mike Loach and others from Christ Church for their time and for their offer to come and advise us.

In the November meeting we took this a step further. We split into groups and looked at the A Rocha questionnaire, considering where we are currently and what we could do. Our old buildings and limited resources make some things challenging but there are things we could do. Watch this space!

In November it was time to start thinking about **Christmas**. We are looking forward to inviting others to join us at the Service of Readings and Music for

Advent, the Christingle Service, the Carol Service and the services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

The Parish Christmas card had been chosen and ordered- it will be dropping through letter boxes soon. Posters are going up, materials for the Christingles are being ordered and there are plans to serve coffee and mince pies after the Carol Service.

In November we heard that the newly re-vitalised **Fabric, Health and Safety** team had had its inaugural meeting. We are very grateful to June Allcock, Gill Charvill and Graham Seagrave for overseeing this area. They had started by producing an 'at a glance' chart of all the regular maintenance, testing etc that is needed. They have also been getting quotes to repair the water heater in the Flower Vestry and install a sink unit and water heater in the Vicar's Vestry.

There is £1,200 in the budget to **support charities**. £150 was given in February to the Turkey disaster appeal, £1,050 remained to be allocated. After some discussion the PCC voted to give each of the following £200:

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The PCC also looked at the **Finance Report**. On the positive side income from giving, hall rental, fees and investment income is higher than projected which is good; money from funerals and wedding fees is up. Income from the calendar is likely to exceed £1,000, Toybox has brought in £306 over the year and the Autumn Fair has brought in about £640. Profit from the Harvest Lunch was sent to the Foodbank. There are bills in the pipeline and the church boilers continue to give us challenges but the fact that just at the moment the General Fund is showing a small surplus is encouraging!

Linda Arch continues to monitor **safeguarding** and ensure that DBS checking and Safeguarding modules are done when necessary.

As the year draws to a close, and in such turbulent times, it is good to look forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus together and look ahead to where God is leading us in the New Year.

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



## A Church Fellowship for Everybody

As “Home Instead” were unable to come and talk to us in October it was decided to hold a quiz followed by tea and cake. There was plenty of chatter and racking of brains in order to answer the 25 general knowledge questions. There were 3 prizes for the top scores. We discussed the possibility of having a games session in the future to include bingo, scrabble, dominoes or a beetle drive.

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November we welcomed Jeff Wainwright and Malcolm Ellison from Merseyside and Cheshire Blood Bikes (MCBB) to come and talk to us about the work that they do. As you can see, they



both arrived on their bikes which were parked outside the Parish Hall.

MCBB is a registered charity which was formed in 2012. The concept for blood bikes originated in the 1960s and then a National Association of Blood Bikes (NABB) was formed in 2008 of which MCBB is a member. In 2022



MCBB was awarded “The Queen’s Award for Voluntary Service”. They are functional 365 days each year, 24 hours a day and can carry any of the following items:

- Blood products
- Human tissue samples
- Human breast milk
- Medical equipment such as syringes
- Medicines

They provide free emergency transport locally between hospitals, hospices, blood banks and the “Human Milk Bank” at the Countess of Chester Hospital. Sometimes they may form a relay system with other areas if there is a need to carry items long distances.

The area of Merseyside and Cheshire covered includes 32 NHS trusts, clinics and surgeries, but they can also cover the whole of the UK via a relay system with other groups. This is all achieved using volunteers who can be motorcyclists, operators and fund raisers. The group has 100 volunteers, 8 marked bikes in service and it costs £45,000 per annum to run, which is completely funded through donations and fund raising.

Jeff then took us through some stories:

His first neonatal job to the Liverpool Women's Hospital where the Nursing Sister of the unit introduced him to the tiny baby who was to receive the milk he'd brought from the Milk Bank.

He was involved in a relay to take anti-venom from Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine to a lady in London who had been bitten by a snake.

Baby Betty was the story of a very poorly baby in the neonatal unit of the Liverpool Women's Hospital who was receiving special feeds from Alder Hey for a long time and became well known amongst the crew.

When there was a shortage of breast milk in Ireland the crew was involved in taking frozen milk from the Milk Bank to the docks at Liverpool to a waiting P&O ferry to be taken to Ireland.

*Hannah's story:* Hannah was a 20-year suffering from leukaemia who needed regular blood products. When volunteers were collecting at Morrisons in West Kirby as well as handing in money they were given cream cakes and a card thanking them for all their help.



### How we can help?

**Become a volunteer Rider, Controller, or Fundraiser,  
Donate,  
Run a fundraising event.**

### Statistics for October 2023 for MCB

356 jobs in total for the month  
260 blood sample runs  
59 milk runs  
3 prescriptions  
14 documents & medical equipment  
19 swabs  
1 Relay with other blood bike groups.

It was a fun and informative talk by Jeff and I think we all learned a lot that day. I wonder if there were any ex-riders in the audience who fancied having a go?

**Helen Tankard**

### Forthcoming ACF Events

#### Fellowship Meetings in the Parish Hall

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 12.30pm – Christmas Lunch and Carols. Tickets £3

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 2.15pm – Wirral Foodbank with Richard Roberts

#### ACF Coffee mornings at 10.30am in the Parish Hall

There is NO coffee morning in December so our next coffee morning will be

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024 Entry 50p. Raffle. Sales Table

**All Welcome**



## Thornton Hough Village Fetes

Most of us will remember the Scarecrow Festivals, but Thornton Hough's village fetes go back a lot further than that! One of the earliest reported ones is from July 1910 when the Birkenhead News commented that *'this much-looked-forward-to function included a goodly number of Cheshire notables'* and *'a good deal of amusement was occasioned by the various contests in the sports class'*.

Here are some pictures from the fete held four years earlier on the village green, then known as 'The Recreation Ground', and a transcript of the report on the 1925 Fete from the Chester Observer. Some of the some of the names may still be familiar to people living in and around the village!



The Rose Queen, Miss F. Webster, accompanied by her retinue.

Local children in fancy dress



Village Sports on the Green

.....and the Tug of War





“Thornton Hough discarded its usual air of quietude and gave itself up to merrymaking on Saturday, when a grand fete was held in the recreation grounds, the proceeds of which were in aid of the Parish Church and School Funds. The event, which had aroused much local interest, was under the patronage of the Hon. W H Lever and Mrs Lever, Lady Bates, Mr. and Mrs. H S Bamford, Mr and Mrs. W.K. Fernie, Mr. and Mrs. Russel Yatehouse, Mrs. Johnson Houghton, Mr. and Mrs. G W Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. H Langdon, the Misses Lever, Mr. and Mrs E B Orme, and Mr. And Mrs. F Watson. The Rev. H A Bull acted as chairman and hon. Treasurer, with Mr. T Kivlin as vice-chairman. And Mr E Webster as Hon. Secretary and there was also a representative committee. The chief event of the day was a fancy dress parade and the crowning of the Rose Queen (Miss Florence Webster) by Mrs W K Fernie. The procession started from the Church School at 2.30p.m., led by the Thornton Hough Band. Gaily decorated horses and lorries followed, the first lorry representing a fairy glade, in the centre of which was seated a fairy queen, in glittering silver dress and wings, surrounded by her attendant fairies and elves. The Rose Queen was the centre of attraction on the second lorry, stately and dignified, and wearing a gown of crepe de chine with a log, satin train, underlined with pink and edged with feather trimming.

Her train bearers were Mary Clarke and Sidney Hinks, in rose-pink frocks, and she was attended by J Shakeshaft, E Skimmings, M Hensby and F Thelwell, as maids of honour, all wearing dainty white and silver frocks. James H Taylor, as a crown bearer, was resplendent in a cream satin suit, trimmed with gold embroidery and a pointed hat, and carried out his duties successfully, while another gay and striking figure was the Herald (Tom Jackson), in a sky-blue satin suit and hat. There were also Rose petals, represented by T Quarterman and E Lee, and a group of Red Indians and other characters, including Boy Blue, Bo-peep, Old Mother Goose, Gypsy Irish Colleen, France, Knitting Girl, Sailors, Soldiers, A chip off the old block, Clowns, Country Boys, Balloons, Jester, Pierrot, Violets, and a tiny jockey (Alec Morrison) mounted on a pony brought up the rear. The scene as the procession moved slowly through the village to the recreation ground, was altogether charming, and the promoters must have felt amply repaid for their labours as they heard on all sides the delighted comments of the spectators. The Rose Queen and her attendants having ascended a gorgeously decorated throne, a fanfare was sounded by the trumpeters, after which Mrs W K Fernie performed the crowning ceremony. In a happy little speech, she welcomed the Rose Queen to Thornton Hough, and hoped that the efforts which had been made on behalf of the church and school would meet with great success.

On the proposition of the Rev H A Bull, three hearty cheers were given for Mrs Fernie who was presented with a bouquet by Boy Blue (Daisy Bell), while a Gypsy Girl (L Shakeshaft) presented a bouquet to Mrs E Orme. Then followed some charming country dances by the Fairies and Elves, Mrs. Webster accompanying on the piano, and an Indian dance by the boys which was cleverly carried out and warmly applauded by the spectators. Mrs F Morrison and Mrs J James were responsible for the designing and making of many of the dresses, and are to be warmly congratulated upon the result of their united efforts, while praise is also due to Miss Rock and Miss Benson, who rendered valuable assistance with the scholars. There followed an interesting programme of sports, under the direction of Mr F Fox, Mr E Webster, Mr T Kilvin, and others.

There was also a miniature whist drive, bowling competition etc., and numerous

helpers with the various stalls and refreshment tent, where a brisk business was carried on. Selections of music were given by the band during the afternoon and evening, and at the close of the sports programme the prizes were presented to the successful competitors by Mrs E B Orme.

At 8.30 a fancy dress dance was held in the Council School, which was very well attended there being many beautiful and original costumes, for which prizes were presented later in the evening. The music was supplied by a Jazz orchestra, and Mr W Bryan acted as M.C. The members of the committee and other workers are to be congratulated upon the successful result of this, their first parish fete, and it is anticipated that a substantial sum will be realised for the Church and School Funds."

**Gavin Hunter**

### **Thank you**

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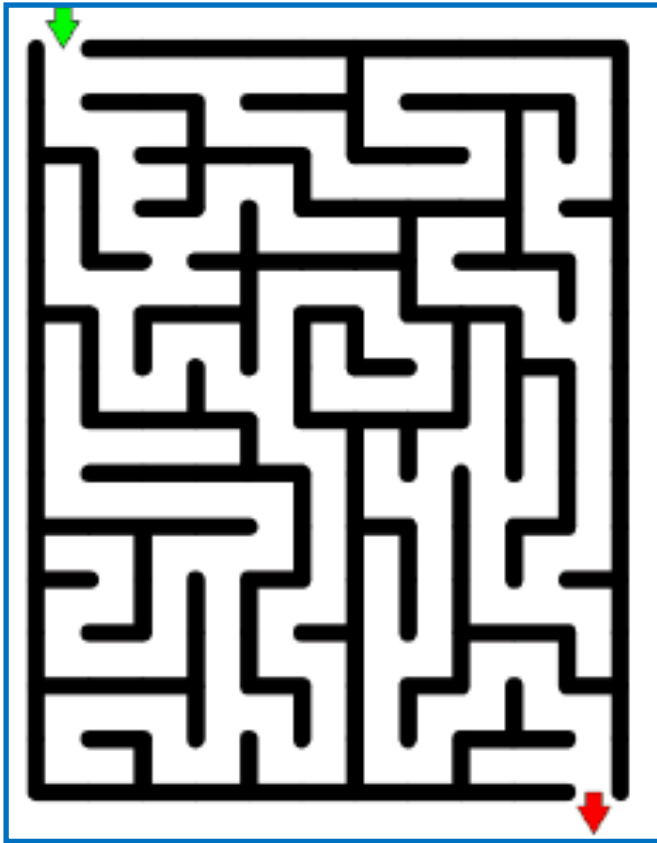
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## Puzzle Page



*Can you find the way out of this Maze?*

## Sudoku

In Sudokus you need to fill in all the squares with the numbers 1- 9 using them only once horizontally, vertically and in each block of 9 small squares

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## Christmas Word Search

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**Can you find the 23 Christmas words in this square?**

**Some words are vertical up and down and others are horizontal forwards and backwards and some overlap.**

CATTLE WISE INN STAR SHEEP CHILDREN  
 PRAY KING CRIB GOLD STRAW MANGER  
 LAY HEAD ASLEEP MARY DONKEY BED  
 JESUS TREE BABY SKY HEAVEN

*Solutions on page 28*

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## The origin of our best loved hymns

Being an organist, I have always been interested in the origin of our hymns. Our current hymn book has 846 of them, some over 1000 years old, some written in the last 20 years or so. Accordingly there's a huge variety of styles, and a diversity of Christian theology in the lyrics. So I thought I would write a short article for our magazine exploring the origin of one popular hymn in particular.

One of the oldest hymns is 'Be Thou My Vision' (AM 595). This was known as far back as the 6<sup>th</sup> Century in Ireland, translated by Gaelic expert Mary Byrne in 1905, and later put into verses by Eleanor Hull. It was first published in 1912, and appeared in the Irish Church Hymnal of 1919. It is of course a Catholic hymn, but now sung by Protestant churches all around the world.

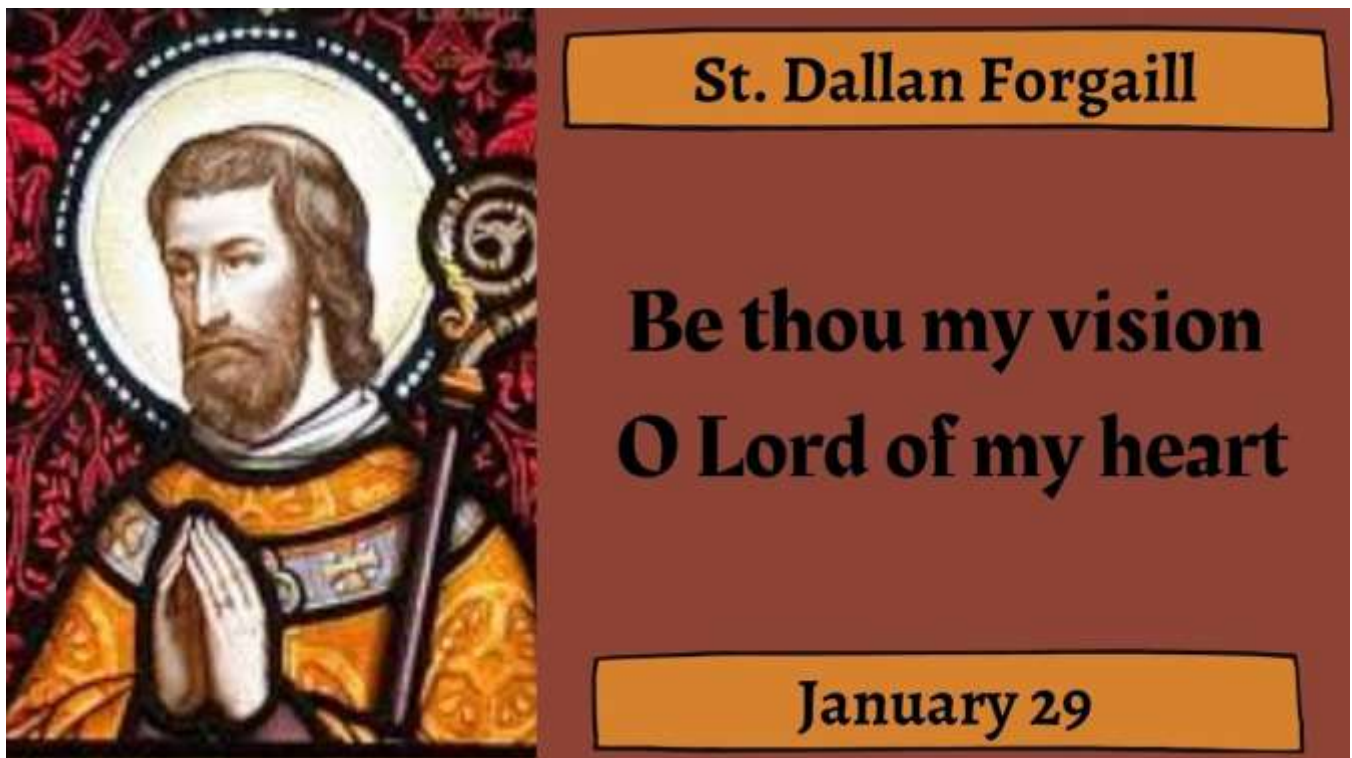


The text of "Rop tú mo Baile"/"Be Thou My Vision" reflects aspects of life in Early Christian Ireland (c.400-800 AD). The prayer belongs to a type known as a *lorica*, a prayer for protection. The hymn was written in times of unrest and insecurity in Ireland, with many clans fighting each other, possibly reflected in the third verse - 'Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight'. The symbolic use of a battle-shield and a sword to invoke the power and protection of God draws on Saint Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians (Ephesians 6:16–17), which refers to "the shield of faith" and "the sword of the Spirit".



The tune ('Slane') is also very old. It is thought the original writer of the poem, and maybe also the composer, may have been the Saint and martyr Dallan Forgaill (530-598). His Feast Day is January 29<sup>th</sup>. He was beheaded by pirates in Donegal (a traditional thought is that God rejoined his head to his body). He is buried at a monastery on Innishkeel island, off Donegal. However the tune was not published until about 1901 as an old Irish folk tune 'By the Banks of the Bann'.

Slane Hill, which gives the tune its name, is in County Meath (very close to where my great grandmother was born in 1875!). A monastery was at the summit. St. Patrick lit a fire on this hilltop in AD433 in defiance of High King Logaire. The story says that the fire could not be doused by anyone but Patrick, and it was here that he explained the Holy Trinity using the shamrock. So it is often sung on St Patrick's Day (March 17<sup>th</sup>.)



At least two other hymns have been set to 'Slane', the best known being 'Lord of All Hopefulness' (written by Jan Struther).

'Be thou my vision' was voted fourth favourite hymn in a 'Songs of Praise' poll, though broadcaster Aled Jones suspects people may have been voting for the tune, whichever of the great hymns we sing to it!

**Brian Moate**

*Reference:-*

*Ephesians 6 v 16-17 'Take up the shield of Faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God'.*

Christmas Eve and twelve of the clock  
“Now they are all on their knees”  
An elder said as we sat in a flock  
By the embers in hearthside ease.

We pictured the meek mild creatures where  
They dwelt in their strawy pen,  
Nor did it occur to one of us there  
To doubt they were kneeling then.

So fair a fancy few would weave  
In these years! Yet, I feel,  
If someone said on Christmas Eve,  
“Come; see the oxen kneel,

In the lonely barton by yonder coomb  
Our childhood used to know”  
I should go with him in the gloom,  
Hoping it might be so.



As in *The Darkling Thrush* of 1900, Thomas Hardy (1840 - 1928) the famous pessimistic atheist, ruefully views the present time and regrets the loss of innocence and simple faith, which only made him the more “churchy” in his old age. There is nothing to rival the poetic brilliance of the “blast be-ruffled plume” of the Thrush, but “hearthside ease” is a lovely way to describe a happily fulfilled contentment at the end of a day, in company.

Using “flock” to describe the gathering of young and old around the dying fire suggests not only a sense of community, a belonging together and to each other, but also the congregation of a church. It could be a gathering in a tavern before midnight mass, or a family about to go to bed.

Looking back, It seems a fanciful idea to the disillusioned modern man, that dumb animals should acknowledge the anniversary of the birth of their creator, and yet Christmas Eve is a magical time in many places.

Milton's *Ode on the Morning of Christ's Nativity* (1629) imagines the whole of nature disturbed and in awe at the arrival of the Christ Child: in 1821 John Howison's *Sketches of Life in Upper Canada* related how a native American told him that deer kneel to the

Great Spirit at midnight on December 24th; in European countries bees are said to sing then and animals to talk.

Thomas Hardy penned this little gem to be published in The Times newspaper on Christmas Eve 1915. He recalls his younger days, and an old isolated building (barton) where the livestock would shelter for the night, in the valley (coomb) where he and his childhood friends used to play. He uses the old-fashioned words to show their distance in time.

He seems to suggest that expecting modern cattle in a modern cowshed to obey the ancient impulse would be pointless. He deplored the way nineteenth century industrialisation was destroying the old ways, breaking up communities, alienating people from the "ancient pulse" of their land. His great novels (*Far from the Madding Crowd*, *Tess of the D'Urbervilles*, *The Mayor of Casterbridge*, *Jude the Obscure*) which made him so unpopular with his contemporaries, are remarkably topical now, foreseeing the damage caused by mechanisation, and pointing out the need to preserve natural resources.

His atheism, pessimism and fatalism pervade all his almost thousand poems, and few are read today, but along with *The Darkling Thrush* this survives with its simple message of longing for a world where mystical things can still happen. Poor Hardy couldn't bring himself to believe, but wished he could.



**Caroline Lancelyn Green**





## How well do you know your Christmas Carols and Songs?

***In which Carols or songs would you find these lines ?***

1. Let Earth receive her King! Let every heart prepare Him room
2. Jesus Christ is born today
3. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes
4. Remember Christ our Saviour was born on Christmas Day
5. From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold
6. Hail, redemption's happy dawn
7. The ox and lamb kept time
8. Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light
9. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation
10. Hush do not wake the infant King
11. Angels and archangels may have gathered there
12. Over the hills and everywhere
13. All glory be to God on high
14. Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light
15. Children laughing, people passing, greeting smile after smile
16. Round yon Virgin Mother and Child
17. O'er the fields we go, laughing all the way
18. Peace on Earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled
19. Treetops glisten and children listen to hear sleighbells in the snow
20. Good tidings we bring to you and your kin

***Answers on page 28***





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# The Red Fox and Little Fox

## Thornton Hough



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We had a fun-filled Games Afternoon on 25<sup>th</sup> October. Simone won the Beetle Drive, and we attempted stand up Bingo but spent most of the time sitting down! We enjoyed tea and coffee and of course a good chat.

Our November meeting started at 7.00 pm and this will be the monthly meeting start time for the winter months to make the most of the limited light left in the evenings.

We had a sales table at the Gordale Festive Evening on 9<sup>th</sup> November. The table was laden with beautiful Christmas items made by our Craft Group and cakes and biscuits donated by our magical bakers. It was a very busy but enjoyable evening and our ladies valiantly manned (or should that be “womanned”) the stall.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November saw us welcome the Western Approaches Swing Singers to the hall for a concert and hot buffet. The Singers performed 1930's, 40's and 50's songs from 7.00 pm until late. The hall was decorated in a wartime theme complete with a 'NAAFI' and 'Evacuation Packs' for every guest containing scarce wartime treats to enjoy. Period dress was encouraged! Many thanks to Sheila Webster and Geoff Dale for the loan of food warmers.

We held our Annual Christmas Fair at the hall on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November with a bring and buy stall, coffee, tea and mince pies. It was a great social event with the opportunity to swap Christmas cards in a friendly atmosphere.

WI members and friends travelled to John Lewis, Liverpool Store on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November for Festive Fizz and Fun. Meeting at the place to eat on the third floor of the store, we then enjoyed gin tasting, tips and examples on dressing in style for Christmas, chocolate tasting, a goody bag with beauty items and a £5 voucher to spend in store on the day.

THWI enjoyed a Christmas wreath making session at the WI Hall on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November, learning to create a lovely decorative addition to hang in our homes for Christmas.

Our last meeting of the year will be THWI Christmas Party Night at the hall on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, with festive buffet, refreshments, raffle, and Secret Santa. A fun evening for all!

We are looking forward to meeting in Chester on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December to visit the Christmas Tree exhibition at Chester Cathedral and maybe a spot of lunch and socialising!

The next event in the calendar for all of us is of course Christmas Day itself, when we gather with friends and family and remember all our loved ones. From all of us at Thornton Hough WI we wish you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous and peaceful New Year.

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*The Editorial Team*

## A Hidden Gem

Just south of Llangollen there are a series of spectacular valleys that run from east to west running to the summits of the Berwyn mountain range. There is moorland, forest, peat bog and great stretches of open space. Nestled within the valleys (the Ceriog, Tanat and Cain) are beautiful old oak woodlands, pastures and hidden gems that are rarely visited. There is one of the wonders of Wales, the reservoir that feeds Liverpool - Lake Vyrnwy, and a tiny hidden chapel that is home to St Melangell's shrine.

Very few people have heard of it and even fewer have visited. It sits at the head of the side valley Pennant just beyond the village of Llangynog in the Tanat valley. Most people drive past as they take the pass across to Bala - which is itself incredible with breathtaking views and very steep drops!! If you are in the area you will not be disappointed with a visit.



The legend of St Melangell derives from two 7th century manuscripts. One day Prince Brochwel was hunting at a place called Pennant. His hounds raised a hare that took refuge in a thicket. In pursuit he came across a virgin praying with the hare hiding under the folds of her garment. The

hounds were urged on but fled, howling; their huntsman raised his horn to his lips and was unable to remove it! The virgin informed the prince that she dwelt at this place and that she had fled there for refuge. So impressed was the prince by Melangell's godliness that he granted the valley to her and here she founded a religious community.

The 12th century church built to house her shrine, was enlarged in the 15th Century, and still stands today following restoration in the 1990's. It stands in a circular churchyard surrounded by wooded slopes down a single track road that winds along the valley; unless you know that it is there it is well hidden from view. The churchyard looks to be a typical Welsh graveyard until you look more closely. It has a peacefulness that is inexplicable but in past times it must have been a busy place. It would have been used for local fairs and markets - evidence of this exists today with the imprint of a cobbler's last on one of the older grave stones.







If you look carefully you can just about see the outline of a shoe formed by the repeated work undertaken by the cobbler. The churchyard has the requisite yew trees, once of which is split and once hid Prince Charles (as he was then) when he visited following the restoration.

Inside the church the entry shows that the care of creatures is still very much to the fore as every summer the swallows nest in the porch along with scallop shells left by pilgrims that visit. The actual door is also fascinating and has a lock from the 1700's.

Inside is a plain, typical Welsh chapel that houses St. Melangell's shrine, flanked by two tombs from around the 12th century and a beautiful 15th century rood screen. The screen is beautifully carved and details the legend that is now St. Melangell. Beyond the shrine is a tiny chapel that is probably part of the original church. The restoration work found a grave stone believed to be that of Melangell.

As you wander around the church you discover other interesting features: a partially exposed wall fresco, a light fitting from the 1700's, documents that outline the history and everywhere you look hares in different forms.



Outside of the church you find that the peace is recognised by others as there is a retreat housed in one of the two cottages. It is very rare that you meet anyone - the occasional walker or someone on holiday. Sadly the local land owner now hosts a shoot in the Autumn which creates considerable tension locally as the numbers of birds on the road is a problem; given the legend of St. Melangell it would be lovely to think that the birds bred for shooting find refuge in the churchyard.

And just to prove that it is a lovely part of the world. Byron, the local cocker spaniel that lived in the cottage by the church, escaped once in the post van. He made it two miles before being discovered and returned to the owners! It is well worth a visit; there is plenty to see whilst bringing a real sense of peace and tranquility..



**Ann Slee Jones**

## Cookery Corner

### Plum Pudding through the generations.....

I can't recall not having a 'Slee' family pudding on Christmas Day. What I didn't realise until my early 30's was that the recipe had been handed down from around 1850 and was only ever made by one person each generation. I picked up the mantle when my 90 year old maiden aunt was struggling to continue the tradition and needed some help.

It first started with me sorting out the breadcrumbs (using 'new-fangled' technology ie a food processor) as producing them by hand was too much for her. It then progressed to helping to actually make the puddings and learn how to interpret the recipe - quirks most definitely included.

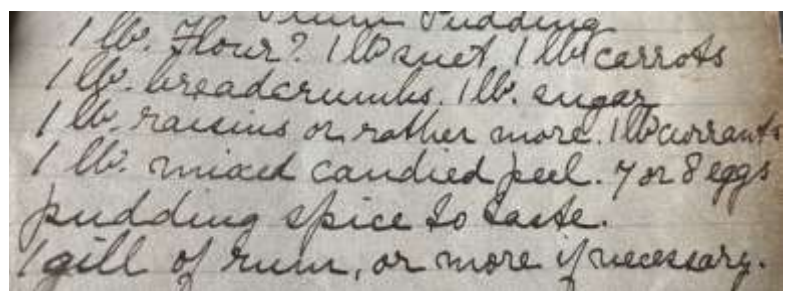
I have a vivid memory of Mark coming along one year and being told by a diminutive Aunty Marie to 'get some muscle into it' when he was taking his turn doing the traditional stirring. He was also introduced to the method of measuring the rum - two tablespoons and an extra slug for flavour; we now say an extra slug for Aunty Marie!!

Other important elements include mixing in the washing up bowl and using pudding basins that are possibly as old as the recipe. The 'lids' that are still largely in use are also ancient - I suspect that some date back to the war years or earlier. And we now export some of our annual production - to Mark's uncle in Germany who loves his plum pudding; indeed he used to invite his neighbours around on Christmas Eve to come and share it - sadly it used to be largely charcoal as the flaming could get out of control!

### Recipe

(Makes one large and two small depending on pudding basin size!)

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| 8oz grated carrots                       |                   |
| 8oz vegetable suet                       |                   |
| 8oz raisins                              |                   |
| 8oz bread crumbs (use stale white bread) |                   |
| 8oz currants                             | 8oz sugar         |
| 8oz mixed peel                           | 8oz plain flour   |
| 4-5 eggs beaten                          | 1 tsp mixed spice |
| 2 tbsp rum (+ a slug!)                   |                   |





Grease pudding basins with butter and measure out/cut circles of greaseproof paper to fit the top of the basin.

Mix all of the dry ingredients together, add the rum and then gradually add the egg until the mixture is slightly sticky.

Transfer to the pudding basin(s) and cover the top with the pre-cut paper and a further circle of either greaseproof paper or foil with a fold and secure with string.

Steam for several hours (usually around 8 -10) until the pudding is a dark colour.

The pudding will store for a couple of months - reheat by steaming for an hour or so. Flame gently - don't incinerate like Mark's German relatives and serve with brandy sauce or your preferred accompaniment.

*Ann S J*

## TURKEY CAKES

1lb cold turkey

Salt and pepper

8 oz cold mashed potatoes

1/8 pint of gravy

1 teaspoon tomato purée

Mince or chop finely the turkey.

Season and mix with the mashed potato, gravy and tomato purée.

Form into small flat cakes, roll in crumbs or seasoned flour and fry on both sides until golden brown.

*PB*



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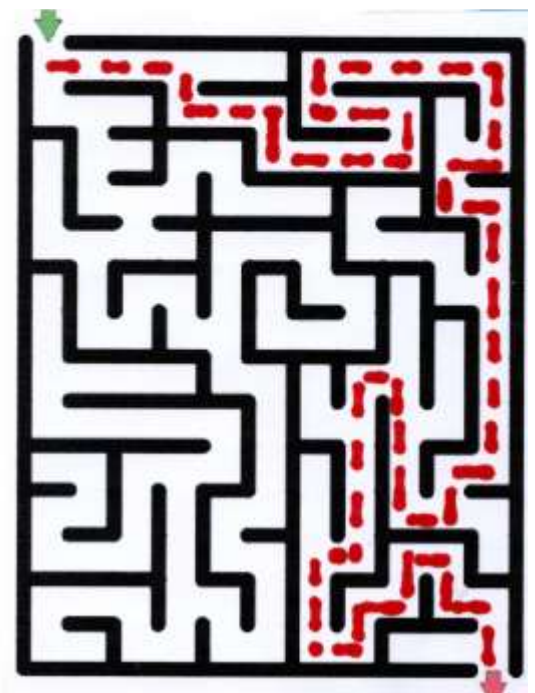
## Quiz Answers

1. Let Earth receive her King! Let every heart prepare Him room
  2. Jesus Christ is born today
  3. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes
  4. Remember Christ our Saviour was born on Christmas Day
  5. From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold
  6. Hail, redemption's happy dawn
  7. The ox and lamb kept time
  8. Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light
  9. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation
  10. Hush do not wake the infant King
  11. Angels and archangels may have gathered there
  12. Over the hills and everywhere
  13. All glory be to God on high
  14. Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light
  15. Children laughing, people passing, greeting smile after smile
  16. Round yon Virgin Mother and Child
  17. O'er the fields we go, laughing all the way
  18. Peace on Earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled
  19. Treetops glisten and children listen to hear sleighbells in the snow
  20. Good tidings we bring to you and your kin
- Joy to the World  
Good Christians all rejoice  
Away in the Manger  
God rest you merry Gentlemen  
It came upon a Midnight clear  
See amid the winter snow  
Little Drummer Boy  
We three Kings  
O Come all ye faithful  
The Infant King  
In the bleak midwinter  
Go tell it on the mountain  
While Shepherds watched their flocks  
O Little Town of Bethlehem  
Silver Bells  
Silent Night  
Jingle Bells  
Hark the Herald Angels sing  
White Christmas  
We wish you a Merry Christmas

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Word Search Answers

Can you see any other words ?





## WIRRAL SHOEBOX APPEAL

Once again I am humbled to thank everyone for contributing to our Shoebox Appeal, either by supporting our coffee morning in October, which raised £570, or by donating items for our shoeboxes or making up whole boxes (not an easy option in today's economic climate).

For the first time for quite a while we had difficulty in obtaining a vacant warehouse in which to process our shoeboxes. Until now we have been fortunate to have had the support of Peel L & P in Birkenhead, but this year they did not have a spare warehouse available – good for their business, but a worry for us. However, we have indeed been fortunate to have the use of Thingwall Methodist Church premises. The church itself closed several years ago and the building has since been used as the Wirral Methodist Circuit Headquarters. Much smaller than our normal 'warehouse' but also more comfortable.

Last year we sent 3,800 gift-filled shoeboxes from Wirral to Eastern Europe, a figure which we hope to match this year. The first lorry is bound for Moldova and will be leaving Wrexham shortly.

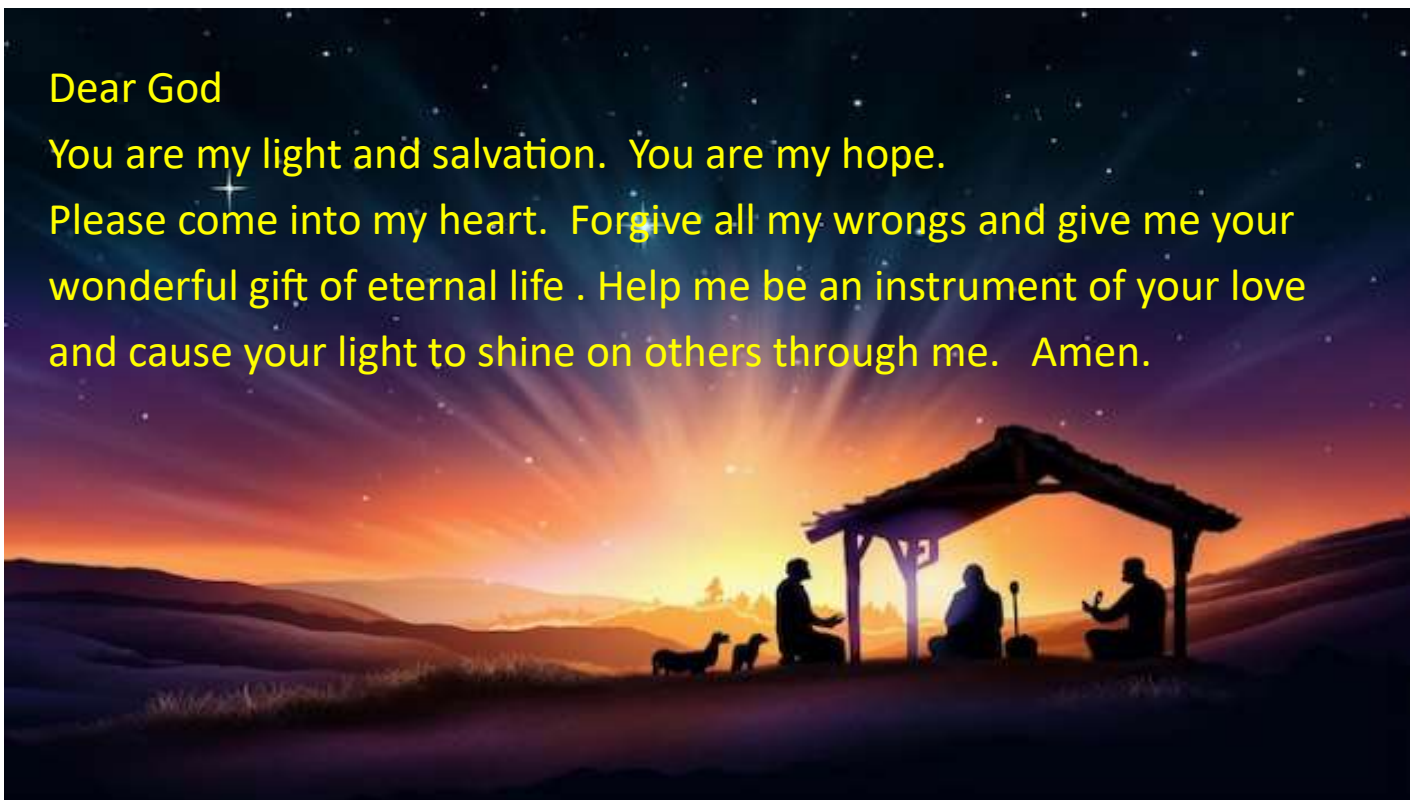


*Val Peter*

Dear God

You are my light and salvation. You are my hope.

Please come into my heart. Forgive all my wrongs and give me your wonderful gift of eternal life. Help me be an instrument of your love and cause your light to shine on others through me. Amen.





## Autumn Fair

The happy buzz of conversation filled the Parish Hall at the Autumn Fair on a drizzly November morning. Preparations had been made the previous afternoon and both large and small halls were full of colourful stalls, sweet treats and fun in the form of an autumn crafting table for children, bottle tombola and the chance to guess the name of the polar bear. (Chili!)

Guests were welcomed with a drink and biscuits and the prospect of a raffle with some spectacular prizes. Thanks to our local businesses, Thornton Hall Hotel, The Red Fox and Brimstage Brewery and individual donors for their donations.

The companionship and sense of fun are lasting memories from the Fair. Furthermore, the event raised over £640 for the work of the church. Thank you to all who ran stalls and to those who came along to support the Fair.







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# Sunday Bible Readings

December 2023 - January 2024

## December

|    |                           |                     |                   |
|----|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 3  | Advent Sunday             | Isaiah 64:1-9       | Mark 13:24-37     |
| 10 | Second Sunday of Advent   | Isaiah 40:1-11      | Mark 1:1-8        |
| 17 | Third Sunday of Advent    | Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 | John 1:6-8, 19-28 |
| 24 | Christmas Eve             | 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 | Luke 1:26-38      |
| 25 | Christmas Day             | Isaiah 9:2-7        | Luke 2:1-14       |
| 31 | First Sunday of Christmas | Isaiah 61:10-62:3   | Luke 2:15-21      |

## January 2024

|    |                                       |                      |                |
|----|---------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| 7  | Epiphany                              | Isaiah 60:1-6        | Matthew 2:1-12 |
| 14 | Second Sunday of Epiphany             | 1 Samuel 3:1-10      | John 1:43-51   |
| 21 | Third Sunday of Epiphany              | Revelation 19:6-10   | John 2:1-11    |
| 28 | Fourth Sunday of Epiphany / Candlemas | Deuteronomy 18:15-20 | Mark 1:21-28   |

## From the Registers October - November 2023

### Burials

|   |                |         |                       |
|---|----------------|---------|-----------------------|
| John "Jack" Shirley                             | <b>BORROWS</b> | Aged 94 | buried 7/11/23        |
| Michael Charles                                 | <b>CADE</b>    | Aged 81 | Ashes buried 18/11/23 |
| <i>May they rest in peace and rise in glory</i> |                |         |                       |

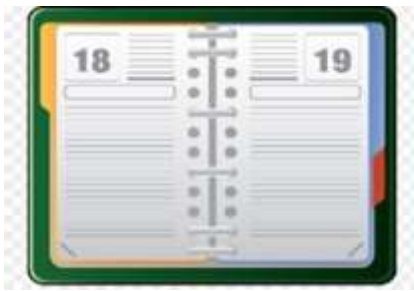
### Baptisms

8/10/23: Maisie Poppy **EDWARDS**  
 Evie Olivia **EDWARDS**  
 Jayjay **EDWARDS**  
 Ollie James **EDWARDS**

### Weddings

21/10/23: Peter Robert **GASKELL** & Sarah Jayne **GRAY**  
 11/11/23: Luke Mactavish **HEPBURN** & Jessica **HAWE**





## Parish Diary

### December 2023 - January 2024

#### November

**26 Sunday Christ the King / Sunday next before Advent**

10:30am Holy Communion

29 Wednesday 10:30am Holy Communion

#### December

1 Friday 7:00pm Choir Practice

**3 Sunday Advent Sunday**

8:00am Holy Communion

10:30am Service of music and readings for Advent

6 Wednesday 10:30am Holy Communion

8 Friday 7:00pm Choir Practice

**10 Sunday Advent 2**

10:30am Holy Communion

4:00pm Christingle Service

11 Monday 10:00am ToyBox

12 Tuesday 7:30pm PCC Meeting

13 Wednesday 10:30am Holy Communion

12:30pm ACF: Christmas Lunch and carols

15 Friday 7:00pm Choir Practice

**17 Sunday Advent 3**

8:00am Holy Communion

10:30am Holy Communion

4:30pm Choir Practice

6:00pm Service of readings and carols for Christmas

20 Wednesday 10:30am Holy Communion

**24 Sunday Christmas Eve**

10:30am Holy Communion

11:00pm 'Midnight' Holy Communion

**25 Monday Christmas Day**

10:30am Holy Communion for Christmas Day

26 Tuesday Boxing Day

27 Wednesday Bank Holiday

**31 Sunday Christmas 1**

10:30am Holy Communion

## January 2024

|           |               |   |                                       |
|-----------|---------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1         | Monday        | New Year's Day (Bank Holiday)                         |                                       |
| 3         | Wednesday     | 10:30am   | Holy Communion                        |
| 5         | Friday        | 7:00pm  | Choir Practice                        |
| <b>7</b>  | <b>Sunday</b> | <b>Epiphany</b>                                       |                                       |
|           |               | 8:00am  | Holy Communion                        |
|           |               | 10:30am   | Holy Communion                        |
| 8         | Monday        | 10:00am   | ToyBox                                |
| 10        | Wednesday     | 10:30am   | Holy Communion                        |
|           |               | 2:15pm  | ACF Wirral Foodbank( Richard Roberts) |
| 12        | Friday        | 7:00pm  | Choir Practice                        |
| <b>14</b> | <b>Sunday</b> | <b>Epiphany 2</b>                                     |                                       |
|           |               | 10:30am   | Holy Communion                        |
|           | Sunday        | 6:30pm  | Choral Evensong                       |
| 16        | Tuesday       |   | Magazine February / March deadline    |
| 17        | Wednesday     | 10:30am   | Holy Communion                        |
| 19        | Friday        | 7:00pm  | Choir Practice                        |
| <b>21</b> | <b>Sunday</b> | <b>Epiphany 3</b>                                     |                                       |
|           |               | 8:00am  | Holy Communion                        |
|           |               | 10:30am   | Holy Communion                        |
| 24        | Wednesday     | 10:30am   | Coffee Morning                        |
| 26        | Friday        | 7:00pm  | Choir Practice                        |
| <b>28</b> | <b>Sunday</b> | <b>Candlemas / Presentation of Christ /Epiphany 4</b> |                                       |
|           |               | 10:30am   | Holy Communion                        |
| 31        | Wednesday     | 10:30am   | Holy Communion                        |



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 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024

(3<sup>rd</sup> Monday)

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024



**Free play, craft, story, songs and refreshments**  
**Babies and toddlers with their carers (mums, dads, grandparents etc)**  
**All welcome.**

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## Morning Prayer at All Saints'

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

Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays  
at 9.15am.

It is a very peaceful way of starting the day.

The Editorial Team would like to wish you all a very peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope that this season of "Good Will" brings good health, joy and much happiness to everybody.

### The Magazine

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**The deadline for submission of materials for the next edition is  
January 15<sup>th</sup> 2024**



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