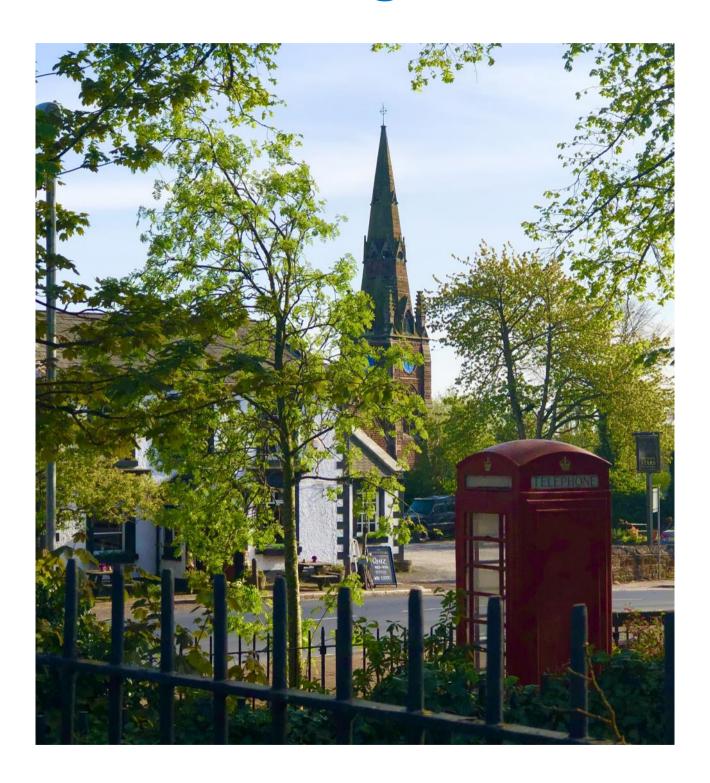
All Saints' Church Thornton Hough

The Magazine



June—July 2023

From the Vicar

Ordinary...?

What are your thoughts about the word "Ordinary"? Is it a good thing to describe a person as "ordinary," to have an "ordinary" sort of day, or to have food which is "ordinary"? It suggests that those people, days or what we eat are unremarkable, routine, insignificant.

If you come into church after 4th June, you will find that



we have entered a period of the church year called Ordinary Time. Indeed, each Sunday afterwards, up until 29th October, is counted off as a number "after Trinity," going right up to "The 21st after Trinity." Such a long stretch! It can sound just a little repetitive, routine, unremarkable, even.

We shouldn't be fooled into thinking there's anything "ordinary" – as in dull - about "Ordinary Time", or be too harsh about ordinariness wherever we might encounter it, however.

There is something very steadying about simply counting off each week in our year, enjoying the orderliness of the process. This is the same in our daily lives as much as how we approach faith. There is a pattern and simplicity in that routine, which is in contrast to the hurried pace of much which we see in the news, and the clamour for variety and change for change's sake.

During this period of Ordinary Time, the Vicar wears a green stole for services, and the coverings at Holy Communion are also green. The colour is significant; it reminds us that this long period is one of growth and flourishing. As I look out on our parish at the moment, the variety of greens on view are breath-taking, and will develop as the summer months lengthen.

Growth and development, whether personal, within the church or wider community takes time; it also requires a kind of discipline to persevere. We grow through the good routines and habits which we cultivate; our attention to caring for others, the environment, our private and corporate lives of prayer and praise.

The poet George Herbert wrote about prayer being "Heaven in ordinary." This beautiful image reminds us that prayer is where we meet heaven in the everyday. Furthermore, this meeting lifts up those everyday things and enables us to see them differently. Herbert's description suggests that God doesn't see anything in creation as ordinary at all!

How might you see and celebrate "heaven in ordinary" over these coming months?

Vicky

Notes on the PCC meeting held on 18th April

The meeting opened with a prayer and a reflection in the context of the 'to-do' list getting fatter and fatter and the 'done list' further away. Philippians 1 verses 3-5 was read as an encouragement to give thanks for one another.

With the **Coronation** rapidly approaching we discussed how we were going to celebrate the event. **A special service** was being planned for Sunday 7th May. Vicky had been in contact with the Community Trust but had not yet heard anything firm about celebratory activities on The Green. If nothing was happening on The Green or the weather was not good, it was decided that we could **bring picnics** and eat them either on the green area by the church or in the Parish Hall. If possible we hoped to join in with others on The Green. As part of the *Big Help Out* Vicky was keen to organise **a litter pick** around the parish. Care for the environment is one of the Marks of Mission. Vicky was liaising with the council and with the school to borrow high-viz vests and litter pickers.

The April meeting was the last meeting before the Annual Meetings. The **PCC** discussed the **membership** and agreed that we need to **plan for succession**. Some people are continuing tirelessly and selflessly in the same position and it would be great to welcome new people to take on the roles. Di Hughes was stepping down from the PCC after many years of service and was thanked for all she had done.

The PCC considered a **faculty** for permission to install a non-compliant memorial at the grave of Victoria Marion Ann Tower in All Saints' church-yard. As it is in keeping with others in this part of the churchyard the PCC did not put any objection in place.

A **Finance report** had been circulated to the PCC. The accounts for 2022 had been examined and agreed by Verity Smith. She is willing to examine the accounts again next year if appointed at the Annual Meeting.

A **Safeguarding** report had been circulated in advance of the meeting. Vicky said she appreciated the members of the PCC getting on with the DBS checks etc.

It was reported that the birds are still adding to the **debris in the tower** and there is a lack of resonance in the bell. It was agreed to have another working party to clear it. We need someone (a steeplejack?) to go up the tower and fix the mesh. A cherry picker can't get near enough. Other matters discussed were tarmacking the end of the drive, cutting back the holly bushes near the church, repairing window frames and painting the outside of Hirst Cottage.

Following a request, the PCC agreed to allow the **Hope Course** to run in our Small Hall again. This is run by the charity Maggie's and supports people with cancer.

Finally Vicky thanked everyone on the PCC for all they had done during the past year.

The Annual Meetings

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting were held after the morning service on Sunday 14th May. The Vicar thanked Alan Splitt and Pam Machin for all they had done as churchwardens over the past year, and also June Allcock for the work she had done during the last two months in Pam's absence. Alan Splitt and June Allcock were elected as churchwardens for the next twelve months.

The Electoral Roll has increased and, on the day, stood at exactly 100. The roll was revised this year; the next renewal is in 2025.

The Annual Reports for 2022 had been circulated prior to the meeting and the Vicar thanked all those who had contributed to it. There are so many people making things happen and who will step in to help- more than we sometimes realise; she mentioned amongst others Margaret and Victor Gamble, Sue and Iain Stinson, Scirard Lancelyn Green for helping with the lighting, Heather Timms for all the jams, chutneys and cottage pies that she makes and sells and all who do the flowers in church.

There are new signs of growth with Toybox and the Pilgrim Group. The Harvest Lunch and the Soup and Sandwich lunch brought us together and the displays on the windowsills in church for Harvest were new and distinctive.

Thanks went to Linda Arch for her work as the Safeguarding Officer and to the PCC members and Toybox helpers for doing the safeguarding training.

We have a new Church Architect, Jen Chambers. Graham Tongue took the lead for Fabric when he lived in the parish and still offers insights now he has moved to Oxfordshire. Vicky thanked all who have helped to look after the church and grounds. The Bishop did mention how well the church looked when he visited. There are, however, still many challenges and it would be good to have more people involved.

The **End of Year Financial Statement for 2022** had been circulated before the meeting and the Treasurer discussed the main points in his summary.

He thanked those who helped by counting the money, Patsy Baker, Don Harrison and Pam Machin, and Brian Morris for reviewing and authorising payments and for his support with the planned giving. The meeting appointed Verity Smith as the Independent Examiner for 2023.

Elections. Gill Charvill was elected as a new PCC member and Vicky thanked her for standing. Elly Macbeath and Godfrey Allan Price were stepping down from the Deanery Synod. Elly, Godfrey and Sue were thanked for being our representatives for the last three years. Linda Arch, Iain Stinson and Sue Stinson were elected as Deanery Synod Representatives for the next three years.

On 16th May, Vicky will have been in post for four years. She said it was a joy to be in the parish. It is easy to get caught up with anxieties but she reminded us of the words on the round window with God's help we are here to serve. She expressed her gratitude for the way we support her and the genuine love and care we show for one another.

As things return to normal after Covid it may be time to reconsider how we take communion together.

Brian Morris reminded us that he needs photos of the parish for the next calendar. He is already signing up sponsors.

Finally we said a huge 'thank you' to Vicky for all her energy, enthusiasm and support. We are lucky to have her as our vicar.

Sue Stinson PCC Secretary



WIRRAL SHOEBOX APPEAL

Just a note to thank everyone who supported our coffee morning in April, either by helping on the day, joining us for coffee and cake or by making a donation. It was so lovely to meet up with everyone and I am pleased to say that we raised over £600, which will be used for the

transport of gift-filled shoeboxes to under-privileged children in Eastern Europe later in the year.

May I also give you advanced notice of the Coffee Morning to be held at Parkgate and Neston URC, Moorside Lane, Neston on Wednesday, 16 August.

Val Peter



ACF: A church Fellowship for anyone from anywhere

As I prepare this report for the June/July magazine I realise that we are almost half way through the year already. I would like to take this opportunity to say how much I appreciate everyone who helps out at ACF meetings and at coffee mornings; without your support they wouldn't happen! I hope you continue to come and enjoy a variety of interesting talks and the chance to chat with friends whilst enjoying a hot drink and the possibility of winning a prize on our very popular raffle, not to mention home-made goodies to take home.

I would especially like to thank anyone who helps out with refreshments whether in or out of the kitchen. Tim you are a star always arriving first and getting on with opening ACF cupboards and putting cups out ready; also sorting out the raffle for me once a month. A big thank you goes to Heather, who prepares wonderful homemade cakes, shepherd's pies and a range of attractive greetings cards. I am grateful to Margaret Gamble for always organising the room just as I have asked even if I forget to ring! Vicky, you are my shoulder to lean on when things don't always go as planned and last but not least a quick mention to Alan, who is the "voice" of the raffle.

On Wednesday 12th April we welcomed Greer Lacey from Jackson's Animal Rescue, which is based at Larton Riding Stables in Frankby. Greer explained that the rescue is RSPCA approved for the rescue, rehabilitation and release of hedgehogs, wild birds and other small mammals. Bats need a special licence so an expert in Liverpool is contacted for handling and birds of prey are transferred to the Wild Wings Birds of Prey Sanctuary. The Rescue used to be called Wirral Animal Sanctuary but in September 2020 they opened a new property in Padeswood near Mold, North Wales to rescue cats and rabbits so the name was changed. They also have four charity shops.

The idea of a rescue centre started in October 2015 when Steph Oliver rescued a dog called Jackson from the RSPCA and realised that there were not enough rescues locally. She started out on Facebook with a few cats, dogs and rabbits that were fostered out and eventually adopted. A shop was opened in

Birkenhead which was used as an office and then someone came in with four hedgehogs wondering how to help them. From these beginnings the sanctuary for wildlife was born.

Greer was unable to bring any hedgehogs with her except fluffy soft toys as they are wild animals and being in the rescue centre means they are poorly.

They are also nocturnal and treat everything including their rescuers as potential predators. They are an endangered species so it is essential to do

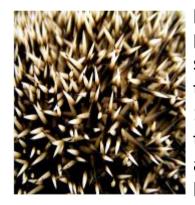
everything we can to maintain the species. If you see a hedgehog out in the daytime or it seems wobbly, it probably needs help either because it is injured but most probably it has a high parasite burden. They usually hibernate from November to March but sometimes don't if the weather stays relatively warm.

Dangers to hedgehogs include ponds - they can swim but need a ramp to get out, netting such as football goals, litter e.g., elastic bands, strimmers, fires and drains. They eat worms, beetles, caterpillars, slugs, birds' eggs and small mammal roadkill.

Don't feed them milk, bread, meal worms (can get metabolic bone disease), peanuts (can get stuck) or sunflower seeds. Problems when they come into rescue can include ticks, maggots/fly strike, internal parasites most commonly lung worm, dehydration and injury from strimmers or animal attacks.

Each hedgehog has its own box which is lined with newspaper which they can use to make a nest. They are given a name and have their very own admissions sheet. The rescue also has twelve incubators and an isolation ward if they come in with mange or ringworm.

Hedgehogs can have 2,000 to 7,000 spines (see left) and we were shown exam-



ples of these spines that had come from Avalon. They have poor hearing and sight but have a very good sense of Hedgehogs under 400g are fed kitten food and those above 400g can have cat or dog food. Those over 1Kg are overweight and need to go on a diet: at this weight they can't roll into a ball to protect themselves from predators and they also get back leg problems which will need hydrotherapy to improve. Orphaned or abandoned hoglets

are hand reared on puppy formula in a syringe.

Examples we saw were:

Avalon who came in with mange and ringworm and had no spines left, however treatment for ten months with medicine and rubbing his skin with soothing aloe vera and almond oil allowed him to recover his spines.

Elvis was bitten by a dog and during treatment at the vets he was found to be blind. He has been released into a secure garden where he is fed and watered. Erin came in with crusty skin.

Harrison was very small and needed feeding up.

Hedgehogs need to weigh 600 to 650g before they can be released: so far this year 61 have already been released and 30 are waiting until they are ready.

How can we help hedgehogs?

Provide hedgehog highways/wildlife areas/hedgehog houses/feeding areas in our gardens. Be careful when strimming/clearing leaves/lighting bonfires Help the rescue by shopping in their Charity shops. Follow online or Facebook. Donations of money or goods. 8

Thank you to everyone who donated kitchen roll, blue paper roll, kitten/cat food, puppy/dog food. We had a tableful of goodies to donate to the rescue along with monetary donations. Greer was very grateful and sent the following message:

Good evening,

Thank you so much for all the donations yesterday. We are so very grateful. Please thank everybody from all of us. I took the goodies straight to Larton and found a baby lamb in there that had come from a motorway in Liverpool. It is being hand reared for the moment and will go to Mold very soon. You just never know what you'll find!!

Helen Tankard

Tales from Israel

On 10th May we welcomed Margaret Crawford who took us on a journey to Israel as she gave us a talk about her first year in Tabeetha School situated in Jaffa which is a district of Tel Aviv. The school was founded in 1863 by Jane Walker-Arnott to give girls of Jaffa "a measure of dignity and independence in an oppressive society". She had met Mr Thomas Cook on his travels and he provided the £50 needed to set up the school.

In 1993/1994 there were around 400 pupils (ages 4 to 18) in the school from 50 different countries. It is a Church of Scotland school where children of different languages, faiths and cultures are educated together in English.

Margaret very kindly provided a summary of her talk and I have added a few photos and additions from her stories along the way.

My First Year at Tabeetha School

June 1990 I arrived to take up my post as Headteacher in June when 'O' and 'A'



Photo of Tabeetha School taken from the Jerusalem Post Magazine March 26 1993

level exams were ending. The children achieve good 'A' levels which can take them onto any University around the world.

Much organisation was required. School closed on 30th June and during July and August we set about moving desks, equipment — even a library — to have the upper floor for Primary pupils, lower for secondary and offices. This was in 40 degrees/humidity 100%. I owe so much to my bursar Leila, her sister (in reprographics) Wedad, and caretaker George for their help.

August 1990 Ten days before school was due to reopen on 1st September, George informs me of a lack of desks/chairs in the music/RE room. I have no money, so got to Jerusalem where by miraculous means money is given.

I had asked George to pray for the £800 needed. By coincidence this was provided with a cheque for exactly £800 from Peter Alderson from the BibleLands Society. This money was originally destined for a local orphanage but it eventually came to Tabeetha School instead.

September 1990 School reopens then closes again for Rosh ha'shana and the week after for Yom Kippur! We re-start only to learn that a) the Moderator of the Church of Scotland and his wife are coming to visit in October and b) there is a threat of war with Iraq. I ended up speaking to the British Ambassador and inviting him and his wife to come for tea and biscuits as well.

October 1990 Moderator and British Ambassador visit school. Israeli army inspect our bomb shelter in the basement. We are issued with gas masks and hypodermic needles in case of nerve gas.

November 1990 We put up a new nameplate on entrance to school and I learn a lesson in Arab etiquette. The new name plate was provided by Zakak (a Stonemason and Monumental Sculptor) who lived up the road. The wording was different to that originally requested and the sign came in grey marble!

December 1990 We have mock exams early then all schools in Israel/Palestine are ordered to close.

January 1991 War breaks out (The First Gulf War) and I am told to take the five Scots staff to Haifa by taxi, then by boat to Cyprus, and onwards from Limassol to Larnaca, in order to be on the last flight to UK. Against all the odds — and another miracle — I see them off and intending to return to Haifa, I go back to Nicosia. That night Israel closed the borders!

My head of Primary and I became exiled in Cyprus, where we watched north

Tel Aviv being pounded by Scud missiles from Iraq. Israel had imposed a mass blackout. We were marooned in Cyprus for ten days before returning home via Heathrow and I had to go the market to buy clothes (please see jacket below).

I get word of school returning to Jaffa, so left England in snow at 0 degrees and returned to Tel Aviv at 30 degrees.

February/March 1991 Local pupils return (illegally), but no Embassies. I am told to expect a deficit of \$120,00 in fees. I write to the Board of London re 'O'

ng Jacket from the market

and 'A' level exams. We start afternoon school teaching Jacket from the market English, Maths and History to parents, with help from the British Council.

April/May 1991 George is told to remove the black out from the main hall and new texts are revealed around the arches. The first one that is discovered is the words to "The Lord is my Shepherd" in black gothic letters; more texts are also revealed. School is now in session from 8am to 6pm.

My Israel accountant and army reservist comes from the Church of Scotland in Jerusalem to tell me we are in funds! We have \$84 and diplomatic pupils are back.

June 1991 Exams are over. We are safe and well and we have new texts for the next school year. On 30^{th} June in Closing Assembly "My God shall....in Christ Jesus". - *Philippians 4 : v19*

In July I flew back to Manchester for the holidays.

Margaret Crawford



Picture taken in May 1990 showing Ken Ellis (student Minister from St Georges), Rev. Cecil Clarke, Margaret Crawford and Robin Ross (Head of World Mission, Church of Scotland).

Forthcoming ACF events

Fellowship meetings at 2.15pm in Parish Hall

Wednesday June 14th Beekeeping with Helen Parkinson

Wednesday July 12th Summer Tea – details to follow

ACF coffee mornings at 10.30am in Parish Hall

Wednesday June 28th and Wednesday July 26th

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A Summer Quiz

- 1. Which soft rock duo wrote and recorded "Summer Breeze" in 1972?
- 2. What is the name of a summer flower that has deep golden petals that radiate from chocolate—coloured centres?
- 3. Which summer month was known by ancient Romans as "Sextilis" meaning sixth?
- 4. What bushy summer plant produces lots of colourful trumpet- shaped flowers?
- 5. What can a period of very hot humid summer weather be known as?
- 6. What popular summer fruit contains 6 per cent sugar and 92 per cent water by weight?
- 7. What tower in France "grows" by nearly six inches in summer due to metal expansion on hot days?
- 8. Which country has a National Ice Cream Month and in which month?
- 9. How often are the Summer Olympic Games held?
- 10. The summer festival known as Kronia was celebrated by which ancient civilization?
- 11. What summer flowers cluster like butterflies atop tall spikes?
- 12. Who is the protagonist in Edith Wharton's 1917 novel "Summer"?
- 13. What is the name of daisy-like summer flowers available in lavender, pink or white?
- 14. In which city is the world's largest food festival held in July?

 Answers on page 26

The Village Hall and The Coronation

I wonder how many local residents are aware of a connection between Thornton Hough Village Hall and The Coronation? Opened in May 1975, the hall was given to the village by the last Lord Leverhulme, in memory of his wife Margaret Ann Lever, the 3rd Viscountess Leverhulme, who died in 1973.



A keen horsewoman, Lady Leverhulme was involved in a wide range of local organisations, but in particular with the Girl Guide Movement, and Guide camps were often held in the grounds of Thornton Manor. In May 1970 she accompanied Princess Margaret, President of the Girl Guide Association, when she visited Cheshire, and in July the same year, Lady Baden-Powell when she came to an International Guide Camp at The Manor.

In 1955, after serving as Vice President for five years, Viscountess Leverhulme accepted an invitation to take over as County President of the Cheshire Girl Guide Association, a position she held until 1971 when the County was divided into three separate Guide divisions. As a token of the affection in which she was held, and to say 'Thank You' for all she had done to help the Association, the County Committee presented her with the original County Standard for her to use as her 'personal standard'. She continued to act as President of the three new divisions until her death in 1973, and her standard has been on display in Thornton Hough Village Hall for many years.



On 2nd June 1953, together with Viscount Leverhulme, she attended Queen Elizabeth's Coronation in Westminster Abbey. They both wore their sumptuous floor-length cloaks of crimson velvet, trimmed and lined with white ermine, originally worn by the 2nd Viscount and his wife when they attended the coronation of George VI in 1937..... and Lady Leverhulme



was one of the many presented with this Queen Elizabeth Coronation Medal.



The dress Lady Leverhulme wore under her coronation robes apparently contained gold thread which was supplied to all the ladies who attended the coronation and local tradition has it that she gave the left-over thread for them to use when they made the County Standard which is now on display in the village hall.

The Standard was dedicated in Chester Cathedral at a special Coronation Year Service for Cheshire Guides on July 18th 1953. Designed strictly in accordance with the Heraldic rules of the Guide Association, the Standard includes various symbols including the Cheshire Wheatsheaf which was the County Badge. But, more significantly, because it was dedicated in Coronation year, they were allowed to include an image of the Royal Sceptre, which was so recently presented to The King during his enthronement in May.



Gavin Hunter

News from St George's

After many months of negotiation and legal formalities, the sale of St George's Church has finally been completed! The new owner is Dr Rob Patterson, a local GP. He plans to restore the building, starting with the leaking roof and then redesign the interior for mixed use so that the building can continue to live as a central feature of the village. The main body of the church is being made available to the school and to the local community. Preparation and approval of plans by the various planning and heritage authorities will take some time, but it is hoped details will be available in the Autumn and work may be able to start early next year.

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Thornton Hough WI

Thornton Hough WI have a very full calendar for the summer months and we are looking forward to being able to get out and about and making the most of the better weather and lighter nights. It certainly makes such a difference after the long winter months!

On Tuesday 4th April Thornton Hough ladies enjoyed an Easter Social and THWI 97th Birthday. Buffet, raffle and a fantastic array of Easter hats- it was a fun evening enjoyed by all! Photographs are on THWI Facebook page.

(https://www.facebook.com/ThorntonHoughW.I1926/?locale=en GB)

On Friday 5th May we celebrated the Coronation of King Charles III with Afternoon Tea: posh sandwiches, scrumptious cakes and a glass of fizz! The hall was full and we were lucky to have the weather on our side.

On 24th May we had a cake-making class which proved very popular with all abilities.

In July we will be having a guided tour of Flaybrick Cemetery kindly organised by Val Peter.

On the third Tuesday of each month at the WI Hall there is a Soup and Social lunch from 12.30 - 2.00pm. We will be trying sandwiches and cheese scones, tea/coffee and biscuits at £3.00 per person for the summer months. The next Soup and Social will be on Tuesday 20th June, no need to be a WI member or even a lady! All are welcome.

The Strollers Group met at RSPB Burton Mere this month for a wander through the bluebell woods and then lunch at Burtons Cafe, Burton Manor. The Craft Group have added an extra afternoon and now meet on the 2nd and 3rd Tuesday of each month: 2.00pm to 4.00pm in the WI Hall. The Book Club are now on their 14th Book: 'Sunset Song' by Lewis Grassic Gibbon.

The Gardening Group will be visiting a private garden at Dee Park Road, Heswall on 7th June.

Our next meeting is at the WI Hall on Tuesday 6th June at 7.30pm when our speaker will be Sue Thomson on Victorian Millinery and Prostitution.

If you would like more information about Thornton Hough WI please contact us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/ThorntonHoughW.I1926 or by email thwi.thorntonhough@btinternet.com

Janet Gaywood



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The Coronation Lunch























Summer Word Search

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Word Search Answers

August	Barbecue	Baseball
Beach	Camping	Garden
Hot Dogs	Ice Cream	July
Outside	Picnic	Popsicle
Sun	Swimsuit	Travel
Vacation	Watermelon	

POETRY CORNER Pied Beauty - Gerard Manley Hopkins

Glory be to God for dappled things —
For skies of couple-colour as a brinded cow;
For rose-moles all in stipple upon trout that swim;
Fresh-firecoal chestnut-falls; finches' wings;
Landscape plotted and pieced — fold, fallow, and plough;

And all trades, their gear and tackle and trim.

All things counter, original, spare, strange;
Whatever is fickle, freckled (who knows how?)
With swift, slow; sweet, sour; adazzle, dim;
He fathers-forth whose beauty is past change:
Praise him.

Gerard Manley Hopkins (1844 - 1889) wrote several sonnets about God's creation: Spring, As Kingfishers Catch Fire, God's Grandeur, Windhover The Starlight Night, etc. Although only eleven lines, this is a type of sonnet (little song). It lists ways in which God's creation is surprisingly marvellous. Written in 1877 it was not published until 1918.

Hopkins delighted in technical, specific terms, especially old-fashioned ones like "brinded". Macbeth's Witches start Act IV with "Thrice the brinded cat hath mewed". Now it is "brindled" and it means streaked with another colour. Tabby cats are still around, but such native cattle breeds are increasingly rare.

Moles are usually dark, and can be considered disfiguring, but can also be pink. Hopkins coins the term "rose moles" for the little pink raised spots on a trout's sides. Stippling is a delicate and time-consuming way of painting or drawing little dots to form pictures. This is the first "all" of the poem. It suggests the creator's infinite care and attention to detail.



Cirrus fibratus clouds



Brindled cow



Rainbow trout



Glowing firecoals



Horse chestnuts

Finding similarities between streaky skies and streaky cows, glowing coals and fallen chestnuts, Hopkins delights in the minutiae of his everyday life and especially in variety, differences, even things that some might consider a disfigurement such as moles and freckles, or an aberration, such as being different (strange), original, against the norm (counter).

Mono-culture was not so widespread, and he points out that fields can be sheep pasture (fold), left for nature to recover (fallow) or cultivated (plough). The apparent disorder is intentional: the plots and parcels of land have each their functions and they fit together like patchwork.

Every human activity has its special, allotted tools and accessories: "gear" suggests equipment such as protective clothing and safety harnesses; "tackle" suggests a fisherman's toolbox, and "trim" is the technical term for the means to keep a boat from capsizing.

"All" appears at the end of the first section, with accents on "all trades" to show how to read the line aloud. Hopkins used "sprung rhythm" instead of normal scansion. "All" starts the truncated second section too, stressing God's omnipotence. Hopkins seems to be making a plea for everything, and every person, that is in any way out of the ordinary, to be not only tolerated but celebrated as special. He was himself very different from other people.

The paradoxes of "swift, slow; sweet, sour; a-dazzle dim" stretch the idea of streaks, pie balding and contrasts to encompass the whole of God's creation. Presiding over the infinite variety of what He has brought into being, as if a father could give birth, is the unchanging Lord of All.

Caroline Lancelyn Green



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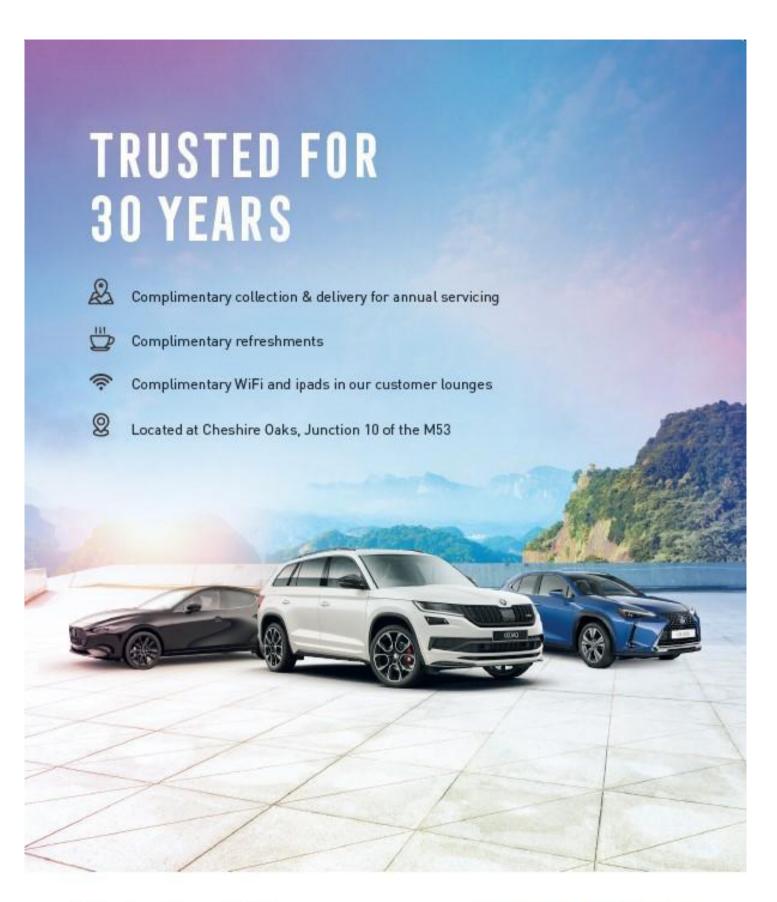
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Patchwork landscape



Piebald pony











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COOKERY CORNER

The following recipes were found on old plates but there was no information as to the origins of the recipes.

FIDGETY PIE

4 rashers of bacon

4 potatoes peeled and sliced

2 small onions peeled and sliced

3 cooking apples peeled and sliced

1 tablespoon of sugar

Salt and pepper

½ pint stock

6 oz short pastry

Arrange rashers of bacon in strips on buttered dish.

Layer the potatoes, onions and apples over the bacon. Season with salt and pepper and a tablespoon of sugar and add the stock. Cover with pastry and bake for 1 hour, top of oven to start with and then bottom of a fairly hot oven at 180° c



3 eggs,
2 tablespoons sugar
½ teaspoon vanilla essence
Pinch of salt
4 tablespoons golden syrup
2 - 3 tablespoons of chopped mixed nuts
Shortcrust pastry



Line a dish with the shortcrust pastry. Blend together the eggs and sugar and add the vanilla essence and the salt. Beat in the golden syrup and when combined add the chopped nuts. Then pour into the pastry case and cook in a moderate oven for 40 - 45 minutes. Serve hot or cold with cream.

Apologies from the Editors

We have been unable to include the list of tradespeople for the past few editions of the Magazine because of lack of space. We hope to include them in the next edition.



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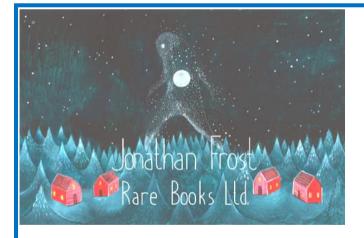
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Sunday Bible Readings June — July

May		
28 th	Pentecost	
	Acts 2:1-21	John 20:19-23
June		
4 th	Trinity Sunday	
	2 Corinthians 13:11-14	Matthew 28:16-20
11 th	Barnabas the Apostle	
	Acts 11:19-30	John 15:12-17
18 th	Second Sunday after Trinity	
	Romans 5:1-8	Matthew 9:35-10:8
25 th	Third Sunday after Trinity	
	Romans 6:1b-11	Matthew 10:24-39
July		
2 nd	Fourth Sunday after Trinity	
	Romans 6:12-23	Matthew 10:40-42
9 th	Fifth Sunday after Trinity	
	Romans 7:15-25a	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
16 th	Sixth Sunday after Trinity	
	Romans 8:1-11	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
23 rd	Seventh Sunday after Trinity	
	Romans 8:12-25	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
30 th	Eighth Sunday after Trinity	
	Romans 8:26-39	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52



Parish Diary June - July

May

28	Sunday	Pentecost
	10:30am	Holy Communion
29	Monday	Spring Bank Holiday
31	Wednesday	
	10:30am	Holy Communion
June		
2	Friday	
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
4	Sunday	Trinity Sunday
	8:00am	Holy Communion
	10:30am	Holy Communion
7	Wednesday	
	10:30am	Holy Communion
9	Friday	
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
11	Sunday	Barnabas the Apostle / Trinity 1
	10:30am	Holy Communion
	6:30pm	Choral Evensong
12	Monday	
	10:00am	ToyBox
13	Tuesday	
	7:30pm	PCC Meeting
14	Wednesday	
	10:30am	Holy Communion
	2:15pm	ACF: Beekeeping in Tanzania (Helen Parkinson)
16	Friday	

Choir Practice

7:00pm

18	Sunday	Trinity 2
	8:00am	Holy Communion
	10:30am	Holy Communion
21	Wednesday	
	10:30am	Holy Communion
25	Sunday	Trinity 3
	10:30am	Holy Communion
28	Wednesday	
	10:30am	Coffee Morning
July		
2	Sunday	Trinity 4
	8:00am	Holy Communion
	10:30am	Holy Communion
5	Wednesday	
	10:30am	Holy Communion
7	Friday	
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
8	Saturday	
	2:00pm	Wedding
9	Sunday	Trinity 5
	10:30am	Holy Communion
	6:30pm	Choral Evensong
10	Monday	
	10:00am	ToyBox
11	Tuesday	
	7:30pm	PCC Meeting
12	Wednesday	
	10:30am	Holy Communion
	2:15pm	ACF: Summer Tea
13	Thursday	Magazine August /September deadline
14	Friday	
	7:00pm	Choir Practice

16 Sunday Trinity 6

8:00am Holy Communion

10:30am Holy Communion

19 Wednesday

10:30am Holy Communion

21 Friday

7:00pm Choir Practice

23 Sunday Trinity 7

10:30am Holy Communion

26 Wednesday

10:30am Coffee Morning

28 Friday

7:00pm Choir Practice

30 Sunday Trinity 8

10:30am Holy Communion

August

2 Wednesday

10:30am Holy Communion

6 Sunday Transfiguration of our Lord / Trinity 9

8:00am Holy Communion

10:30am Holy Communion



Wirral Historic Vehicle Rally Sunday 30th July 2023

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On the Village Green at

2.00pm

(Judging to take place at 3.00pm)

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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 Magazine

Thank you to all those who have contributed articles, photographs and ideas for this edition of *The Magazine*. Contributions for future editions of *The Magazine* are very welcome. Please contact any member of the editorial team with your ideas and articles. Articles may be submitted in any reasonable format and should not be subject to any copyright restrictions.

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