

All Saints' Church Thornton Hough

The Magazine

October - November 2022



Queen Elizabeth II

21 April 1926 - 8 September 2022

Welcome letter from the Vicar

A People of Thankfulness and Hope

The passing of Her Majesty the Queen has cast a long shadow over our late summer. Millions of people across the world have been remembering her long life, her deep faith and service. That remembrance has been expressed in many ways: joining the long queues to see the Queen lying in state, following her passage from her much-loved summer retreat at Balmoral through to Edinburgh and then onwards to London on TV, writing in Books of Condolence, lighting a candle or raising a glass in her honour to name but a few.



We reflect on the huge historical sweep of Queen Elizabeth's seventy-year reign; her presence is everywhere, shaping our mental maps: on our currency, our stamps, in our passports. Even those of us who have never met Her Majesty in person, or only seen her as a fleeting, smiling face in a passing limousine, have seen something of her personality through her Christmas speeches and her appearance alongside James Bond and Paddington Bear.

We remember, but time does not stand still.

The Queen's death heralds a time of immediate change: Long live the King. King Charles is now our monarch. Furthermore, our government now has a new leader. There will be times of change and churn ahead, both in our nation, in relationships with other Commonwealth nations, and internationally.

We remember, and draw together as a body of people, even in these times of change. Our acts of remembering help to unite us, and can have a wonderfully transforming effect.

Remembering gives us the opportunity to give thanks for the good things we have known and received and to develop an attitude of thankfulness throughout our lives. Remembering can also enable us to learn from the past and be hopeful for the future. The Queen's deep Christian faith certainly helped her to cultivate this hopefulness.

We have the opportunity to continue to grow as people of thankfulness and hope as we come to our time of Remembrance this autumn, with our Service for the Faithful Departed on 30th October and Remembrance Sunday on 13th November.

With love and God's blessings

Vicky

Queen Elizabeth II 1926 - 2022

A Book of Condolence was placed in All Saints' Church for anybody to sign and record their memories and thoughts on the reign of our Sovereign Queen Elizabeth II who died on 8th September 2022 after 70 years and 214 days as our Monarch.



The following are extracts from the Book of Condolence:-

“Elizabeth the great”, “May you rest in peace and rise in glory”,
“A true inspiration to us all”, “For the service to the nation”,
“We are eternally grateful for your dedication, duty, service and inspiration”
“Thank you for your service, dedication and humour RIP”
“We have such sweet memories of you”, “A life of love and dedication”,
“Together again with your beloved Philip - Rest in Peace”,
“A truly inspirational woman”, “Thanks Ma’am for everything”.

God of love,

We thank you for the life of The Queen, for her service to our nation, and for her faith in you. Be close to all who mourn, that we may find comfort and hope in your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Everlasting God,

We pray for our new King. Bless his reign and the life of our nation. Help us to work together so that truth and justice, harmony and fairness flourish among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Notes on the PCC meeting held on 13th September

Discussions on the Vision Statement were paused this month because the Diocese of Chester is organising a series of 'In Vision' days. We have already achieved a lot since the discussions in the last two PCC meetings but before finalising our vision statement Vicky said she would like to ensure that we are dovetailing with what the Diocese are encouraging us to do. We don't want to reinvent or diverge from what they are saying. There may even be resources available.

A flyer with information about the Pilgrim Course (starting on 26th September), the Harvest Thanksgiving Service and lunch, the Bishop's visit and tea on 9th October and our new children's group, Toybox, was delivered to homes in Thornton Hough and Raby Mere. The publicity was obviously effective because the first meeting of Toybox was very well attended and a great success. Our thanks go to Vicky and to Linda and Peter Arch for delivering the leaflets.

The handrails at the church and at the graveyard have now been finished and thanks were expressed to Brian Morris for varnishing them. Lesley Morris was also thanked for clearing moss and weeds from the patio area by the Parish Hall.

We picked up on some of the much-needed tasks that had been put on the back burner recently. New volunteers were found to follow up on **replacement noticeboards** and for climbing up inside **the tower** again to remove yet more debris left by the rooks. Hopefully our bell will ring out clearly again soon! Now we are able to use books in church once more it is hoped that we will soon have the new pew **Bibles** and new lectern Bible.

Jennifer Chambers has been offered and accepted the post of **Church Architect**. She comes very well recommended and we look forward to working with her. Hopefully there won't be too many major tasks for her to engage with though!

Toybox, the new group for babies, toddlers and their carers started on 12th September and will run monthly in the first instance. The first meeting was very successful. Nineteen families registered and there was a lot of positive feedback at the end of the meeting. It filled a real need and gave the carers a chance to chat and the children to mix with other children.

The PCC discussed the **future events in the diary** including Harvest, the Bishop's visit, All Saints' Day, the Service for the Faithful Departed and Remembrance Day. We have a busy time ahead of us.

We then moved on to discussing the **finances**. The deficit in the General Fund (used to pay our running costs) was £11,425 at the end of August, greater than the budgeted deficit (£3,481). The main reason for this was unexpected expenditure on the Parish Hall- the emergency lighting had had to be replaced. Our fundamental problem is a lack of income. The amount we have to pay in Parish Share each month is more than we are receiving from Standing Orders, weekly envelopes, open plate and income from our investments. Even if we stopped spending on everything else, we would have a shortfall. A recent electrical inspection, roof repairs and the cost of the boundary wall repair in excess of the donations have impacted on our finances. Essential repairs to Hirst Cottage are also needed.

On a more positive note we do have **capital assets** (the Parish Hall and Hirst Cottage) and we do have investments. The PCC passed a resolution to realise £40,000 from our investments to improve our current cashflow position, to support the work of our church and to meet our responsibilities, including carrying out the essential work on Hirst Cottage.

There was some discussion about **church attendance**. Other regular commitments can conflict such as playing football or visiting relatives but there are new people coming in gradually and we need to build on that, making them feel welcome and involving them. We should be good listeners, encourage families, network over coffee, maybe develop the evening service time differently. There is a place for different approaches.

Safeguarding was the next item on the agenda. Members of the Toybox team are completing the Church of England Safeguarding Basic Awareness Course. PCC members also need to complete the course. The necessary DBS checks have been done.

The next Deanery Synod meeting is a joint meeting on Everyday Faith for Wirral South Deanery and Frodsham Deanery is on 6th October at St Paul's Church, Helsby. Four or five people are encouraged to attend from each parish.

With the sad passing of Charles Elphick there are now 93 on our Electoral Roll.

Looking to the months ahead, to the Harvest Thanksgiving Service and lunch, the visit of the Bishop of Chester, Mark Tanner and All Saints' Day, we will have the opportunity to welcome others into the church and celebrate together.

Sue Stinson
PCC Secretary



A Church Fellowship for anyone from anywhere



On Wednesday 13th September a small group of eight ACF members welcomed Sue and Lucia to the Parish Hall so we could hear about how dogs are trained to be Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Lucia is a 9-month-old Labrador puppy and has been in training since she was only 8 weeks old. Sue is a volunteer and is classed as a “puppy raiser” and she will look after puppies from 8 weeks old until they are ready to have full training as an adult dog. She has been a puppy raiser since 2006 and in that time has trained fourteen puppies: she absolutely loves it!



When the puppies are picked up from their breeder, they already have established characters and later on in their training this will allow the trainers to match each dog with their new owner. Prior to Covid the number of puppies raised each year was about 1200 but it is hoped to increase this to 1500. The dogs used are Labradors, Lab/retriever cross, German Shepherds or a German Shepherd cross.

In the dog’s training they need to be aware of everything that is going on around them and therefore it is important to give them the opportunity visit many different places, to watch the world go by and to have a good sniff! They need to be able to settle in company so they are not jumping up at people or barking. Each dog needs to be introduced to wide variety of locations so nothing phases them; even a visit to All Saints’ Parish Hall and meeting ACF members was part of her training.

Once the puppies have reached adulthood, (bitches have had their first season or when male dogs reach about 12 months old), the dog is now ready to move on to the next stage which is the formal guide dog training taking many weeks followed by an assessment and then matching with a new owner. If the dog doesn’t pass this training, then they may become a “buddy dog” to a family with a visually impaired or autistic child. For Sue, one of her puppies was frightened of big lorries and was unable to overcome this and she became Sue’s own dog.

It was wonderful to see Sue responding to Lucia and guiding her when she got bored with the talk. I don't think any of her audience got bored though and there were plenty of questions asked at the end. We all got to meet Lucia at teatime and have a stroke.

Lucia was very well behaved and I think we all fell in love with her!

Forthcoming ACF Events:

Fellowship meetings held at 2.15pm in Parish Hall as follows:

Wednesday 12th October

Iain Stinson - Singing the Psalms

Wednesday 9th November

Paul Moores - The Leprosy Mission England and Wales

Wednesday 14th December

Christmas Party details to follow.

Coffee Morning held at 10.30am in the Parish Hall as follows:

Wednesday 26th October and 23rd November.

There is no coffee morning in December.

We will have the usual raffle/sales table and refreshments.

Everybody welcome

Helen Tankard

Thoughts for October

Our thoughts for this month are with the King and the Royal Family as they come to terms with the sad death of our Queen and their wonderful mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and a close family member to others. Queen Elizabeth was a true and devout Christian who lived her life to the full, displaying an example to everybody irrespective of their colour, creed or nationality on how life should be lived. Her dedication to her country and her people was exemplary and her thoughts and actions were always for the benefit of this country and her subjects. King Charles has a daunting task ahead but he has been able to watch his mother at work throughout his life so that he is well prepared for his time now as monarch.

God save Queen Elizabeth, Long Live the King

A night prayer

Be present, O merciful Lord, and protect us through the silent hours, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world, may rest upon your eternal changelessness. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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NEW *Friday Fish & Fizz* MENU

Starters £8

Salmon, Haddock & Crab Fish Cake

Hollandaise, capers and shallot

Oysters

Prawn Cocktail

Marie rose, soughdough, butter

Main courses served with a glass of prosecco £20

Breaded Scampi

Fries, tartare sauce, buttered peas

Fish & Chips

Beer battered Haddock, chips, mushy peas

Fish Pie

Cheddar mashed potato, steamed greens

Desserts £8

Apple & Blackberry Crumble

Vanilla Ice cream

Sticky toffee pudding

Clotted cream, toffee sauce

Selection of 3 cheeses

Served in the lounge & terrace

The Queen's visits to Wirral

Thornton Hough had one particular association with the late Queen Elizabeth. Philip William Bryce Lever, the 3rd Viscount Leverhulme, who lived for over sixty years at Thornton Manor, was appointed Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire on 6th September 1949 soon after his father died. As such he was responsible for arranging visits by members of the Royal family and escorting Royal visitors when they came to Cheshire. Over the years he arranged and hosted many visits by HRH Queen Elizabeth to Cheshire including Wirral on a number of occasions.

Her first visits to the County were as Princess Elizabeth in 1950, to attend an Officer Cadet passing-out parade at Eaton Hall, and in 1951 when she visited Chester Cathedral. She was back on Wirral in 1957, now as Queen Elizabeth, visiting various places including Chester, Wallasey, the Port Sunlight factory and offices, and the Lady Lever Art Gallery. She even travelled part of the way by train on the specially re-opened Wirral Line from Hooton which had closed the previous year.

In 1966 she was back again, this time at Chester Races. Horseracing and breeding were a passion she shared with his Lordship who was for many years Chairman of the Chester Racecourse Company. In June 1971 Her Majesty visited Wirral to open the first tube of the road tunnel between Wallasey and Liverpool, naming it 'Kingsway' – the original road tunnel having been opened by her grandfather in 1934, who named it 'Queensway' !

In May 1982 she opened Arrowe Park Hospital, and in August 1988 The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh came to Port Sunlight to as part of the celebrations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the factory and village.

Although other members of the Royal family visited Thornton Manor on many occasions, the Queen herself never came to The Manor, and in 1990 Lord Leverhulme retired as the longest serving Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire.

The Queen visited Wirral on several more occasions. In 1992 she came to give out Maundy money at Chester Cathedral. In 1998 she opened the Blue Planet Aquarium in Ellesmere Port, in 2011 opened New Brighton's Floral Pavilion, and in 2012 she came on a visit to Chester Zoo.

There are no records of her ever passing through Thornton Hough, but I'm sure many local people will have happy memories of going to see her at these various events.

Gavin Hunter

Local visits by the Queen over the Years



At Ellesmere Port Station on the way to open the Blue Planet Aquarium



Opening the Floral Pavilion New Brighton



Richard Burnett,
Partner, Hillyer
McKeown

Hello Everyone!

It strikes me that, as our population is living longer, it is more important than ever to think about our mental and physical health and wellbeing. Below, I have put together some practical steps you can take to protect yourself and your loved ones.

Making a Will can be a difficult thing to think and talk about, but putting in place well thought out plans can offer peace of mind, knowing your wishes will be carried out in the way you want them to be.

My advice is to not wait until things change, but to plan ahead. Welcoming a grandchild, downsizing your home or thinking about care home fees are life events that can typically remind people to update or make a Will. We also help people through difficult moments in their lives, following the death of loved ones.

Trust & Estate Planning

Seeking advice on planning for the future for you and your loved ones?

We regularly support people who are seeking advice about inheritance and succession planning, or who are unsure what to do if a family member has become ill or can no longer make their own decisions.

You might also want to consider a Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) legal document. An LPA allows you to choose one or more people to make decisions for you including about property of finances, or act on your behalf if you cannot deal with matters yourself.

Business Wills

If you have a Will, does it protect both your personal and business assets?

If you (or a family member) own a business our unique Business Will service can set out detailed plans for you and your business.



Speak to us about protecting yourself, your loved ones and your business should something unexpected happen.



What to do next?

Contact us for a free, no obligation discussion with a member of our Wills and Probate team in Birkenhead, Chester or if you prefer, in your own home.



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Harvest Windows for Harvest week 18th - 25th September



This Harvest, people were invited to decorate a windowsill in church to give thanks for some aspect of their life. These joyful celebrations of faith, study, music, sport, the countryside and thanksgiving for all God's good things were the result.

The whole parish also contributed to harvest celebrations in donations of tinned goods and other essentials for the Wirral Foodbank.

A Harvest Lunch after the Service of Thanksgiving on 25th September rounded off the festivities.

"We plough the fields, and scatter the good seed on the land."



Many thanks to all for their contributions and help – please continue giving to our local Foodbank when you do your supermarket shopping if you can!

"For the fruits of all creation, thanks be to God."

"Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the splendour and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours: All things come from you and of your own do we give you."

"For running and playing in our open spaces, over the fields and rugged hills, pounding pavements, getting up from trips and spills. "



"This Harvest, I am thankful of the many ways I have been brought to God during my life."



Harvest

"The Gathering of things planted and collection of other foods"

"Harvest falls between Summer when we see a cricket bat hit a small ball and Winter when we see a boot kick a ball."

We thank God for the plentiful supply of food we have, and that we are well and fit enough to play and enjoy sport and live our lives here."



The smallest church in Britain?

I wonder how many of you have travelled from Colwyn Bay to Llandudno via the promenade at Rhos on Sea. If you have, did you stop just after passing through Rhos to admire the view across the bay and not realise that there was anything there of interest below? Beside the road you will find a brown sign directing you down the



footpath where you will find the most wonderful small church of St. Trillo. It is not easy to find as it is tucked away almost out of sight but if you find the brown sign then you are very close. *(Very often in the summer months, ice cream can be purchased from a seller with a bicycle at the top of the footpath leading down to the church.)*

At the moment an Anglican Eucharist service is held every Friday at 8.30am but the building

is so small that only about 6 people can sit inside at any one time.

During the summer months the congregation can number 15 - 18 people and people would have to be accommodated outside the church building. With there being only room for 6 people then it must be regarded as one of, if not the smallest church in Britain. It's a simple stone and mortar structure with integral walls and roof and has a heavy wooden door. It was heavily restored in its present form with new external walls and roof about 120 years ago. Its altar stands over a natural spring of clear water dedicated to St. Trillo and St Elidan and was first established by Saint Trillo early in the sixth century AD. The spring water is traditionally used for baptisms in that parish which has two other Anglican churches.



Trillo was nobly born in Brittany and went to Wales as a disciple and student of [Saint Cadfan](#), who later admitted Trillo to the religious life. Trillo became an Abbot and church-founder, noted for his holiness. His church at Llandrillo contains representations in stained glass of some of the stories of Trillo's life. The glass was commissioned in the 1920s in memory of a former parish priest. Trillo is believed to have been a contemporary of Saint Deiniol of Bangor (and therefore of Saint David and Saint Dubricius) and it is said that he took part in the foundation in c546 of the diocese of Bangor under the patronage of Maelgwn, High Prince of Gwynedd, whose Royal Castle was at Deganwy.

Well worth a visit next time you are in the area!

St. Trillo's Chapel

Now from the road
Your steps did stray,
To find this chapel
All hidden away.
Its sturdy walls of stone built low,
A refuge from the sea below.
So many should have passed this way
And stepped inside to stand and pray,
Left messages of hope and love
To Him who watches from above.
So when you leave remember me
St. Trillo's chapel by the sea.

M Meadows

BM



Thank You

Thank you and "bon voyage" to Graham Tongue and his wife Alison. Graham has been a very supportive chairman of the Fabric Committee over the last year and his wisdom and guidance continues to prove invaluable. We wish them every blessing as they settle in to their new home in Oxfordshire.



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The group for babies, toddlers and their carers has been relaunched under a new name, Toybox. Initially this will meet once a month on a Monday morning, from 10am to 11:30am, at a cost of £2 per family. The sessions provide light refreshments, free play, craft, a story and singing.

We have an enthusiastic team of five volunteers ably assisted by Vicky Barrett.

Our first meeting was on 12th September and it was with trepidation that we waited to see if anyone would arrive. Would there be more helpers than attendees? We needn't have worried. At 9:50am they began to arrive and it wasn't long before the room was filled with young children playing and their carers (parents, grandparents, nannies,..) were all chatting happily. Our publicity had worked well and with nineteen families we were nearly at capacity for our first meeting.

The session went well, and the feedback was very positive from the families. After the lockdowns the families really welcomed the opportunity to come together for a chat and for the little children to mix with other youngsters.

Some of the attendees said it would be good if we could meet more frequently but to do this, we really need to find more helpers so that volunteers can be used on a rota. We have made a good start but there is the potential to expand.

I would like to express my thanks to all the helpers who worked hard to make this successful- and if there is anyone who thinks they could come along and help please get in touch, it really was good fun and very rewarding!

Sue Stinson
Toybox Co-ordinator



Congratulations

Many congratulations to
Alan and Marian Smathers
who both celebrated their
80th birthday recently.

POETRY CORNER SEA - FEVER John Masefield (1878-1967)

I must go down to the seas again, to the lonely sea and the sky,
And all I ask is a tall ship and a star to steer her by;
And the wheel's kick and the wind's song and the white sail's shaking
And a grey mist on the sea's face, and a grey dawn breaking.

I must go down to the seas again, for the call of the running tide
Is a wild call and a clear call that may not be denied;
And all I ask is a windy day with the white clouds flying
And the flung spray and the blown spume, and the sea-gulls crying.

I must go down to the seas again, to the vagrant gypsy life
To the gull's way and whale's way where the wind's like a whetted knife;
And all I ask is a merry yarn from a laughing fellow-rover
And quiet sleep and a sweet dream when the long trick's over.



John Masefield went to sea at 13, first as a trainee on the “school ship” HMS Conway and within a month as an apprentice on the Gilcruix. His parents were dead and his aunt thought his reading was bad for him, but he still managed to read a great deal while training and working as a merchant seaman.

The Gilcruix Diary details his experiences, seeing a moonbow, whales and flying fish, but he suffered from severe sea-sickness. His life at sea lasted until he was 17, during which time, although frequently ill, he delighted in hearing seamen's yarns as well as reading classic literature.

He deserted his last vessel, a heavy cargo ship, in New York, and for two years he wandered America as a vagrant, did odd jobs, and wrote copiously, producing the Salt Water Ballads, of which *Sea-Fever* is one. He returned to England and became a professional writer. At 23 he married a 35 year old soulmate, Constance and had two children. His vast output of poetry and novels includes: The Everlasting Mercy, The Midnight Folk and The Box of Delights, He was Poet Laureate from 1930 until his death in 1967.



Training ship HMS Conway



The Gilcruix



A Windjammer - his last ship

“Trick” is the nautical term for a turn of duty at the helm (ship’s steering wheel). Queen Elizabeth, who married a sailor, has just finished her own turn of duty at the helm of The British Isles and Commonwealth. After weathering many tumultuous winds of change, along with a merry yarn, she now has quiet sleep.



Solo sailing boats



The Royal Yacht Britannia 1954 - 1997

The Queen’s turn of duty also involved a good deal of sailing, on the Royal Yacht Britannia. She put in to more that 600 ports in 135 countries, where she carried out 968 state visits. She had her honeymoon on Britannia, as did her sister, daughter and two elder sons. Hers was the only marriage that lasted.

The immense popularity of Masefield’s masterpiece is due to its being very much a metaphor for a life well-lived: desire for adventure, self-sufficiency, accepting responsibility, rising to challenges, welcoming adversity, facing increasingly stormy times (the helpful wind at the start is like a sharpened knife by the end) keeping a sense of humour, delighting in and respecting the natural world, and the repeated “all I ask” is like a humble prayer for simplicity.

John Masefield was a very popular public speaker and reciter, especially in America later in his life. He encouraged verse-speaking and elocution, although his own recording of *Sea-Fever* is rather disappointing beside that of Iain Batchelor of Live Canon (both available on You tube).



Moonbow - moon light refracted through spray



The Queen when Britannia was decommissioned

Caroline Lancelyn Green



Sea froth - spume

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How well did you know the Queen?

1. Who was the Prime Minister when Elizabeth became Queen?
2. Where did she get her education?
3. What is the surname of the descendants of Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip?
4. Following her marriage what initially was her primary occupation?
5. What did the Queen carry in her purse according to her biographer?
6. What was unique about the Queen's coronation in 1953?
7. Why were the Queen's clothes often very bright colours?
8. Queen Elizabeth missed only 2 opening of Parliament until 2022 - why and when?
9. Is it true that Queen Elizabeth spoke French fluently?
10. When did the Queen make her acting debut and in what role?
11. What was the name of the Queen's first corgi?
12. Who visited the Queen every week when she was in London?
13. How old was Princess Elizabeth when she became Queen Elizabeth II?
14. When was Queen Elizabeth born?

Answers on Page 30

Cookery Corner

CORONATION CHICKEN

600 g cooked chicken.

200g mayonnaise, 1 tablespoon olive oil

125g crème fraîche, 2 teaspoons curry powder

Small white onion, 60mls red wine

60 mls water, 1 teaspoon tomato purée

1 bay leaf, 1 tablespoon lemon juice

1 tablespoon finely chopped apricots or mango chutney

Pinch of sugar, Salt and pepper



Method

Heat the oil in a frying pan over a medium heat. Add the chopped onion, bay leaf, and curry powder and fry gently for 2 mins. Add the wine, water and tomato purée and bring gently to the boil. Add the lemon juice, sugar and salt and pepper, simmer for 2 mins. Remove from heat, strain and cool. Mix the apricots, mayonnaise and crème fraîche into the sauce and fold in the chicken chunks.

Serve with salad or rice, in sandwiches or fill baked potatoes.

QUEEN OF PUDDINGS

4 oz white bread ½inch cubes

1 pint of full cream milk or single cream

2 oz unsalted butter, 3 eggs separated

Grated rind of 1 lemon, 5 oz caster sugar

4 rounded tablespoons apricot or strawberry jam.



Method

Put the bread cubes into a lightly buttered baking dish.

Heat the milk and butter till just warm and add to the egg yolks, lemon rind and 3oz of the sugar. Pour this custard over the bread.

Bake the pudding in the centre of a pre heated oven at 350°F, gas 4, 175°C for 20 mins or until set. Remove from the oven and spread with the jam.

Whisk the egg whites until stiff. Fold in the remaining sugar. Pile this meringue over the jam and return the pudding to the oven for a further 10 mins or until the top is crisp.

Gardening Corner

Gardening Tips for October and November

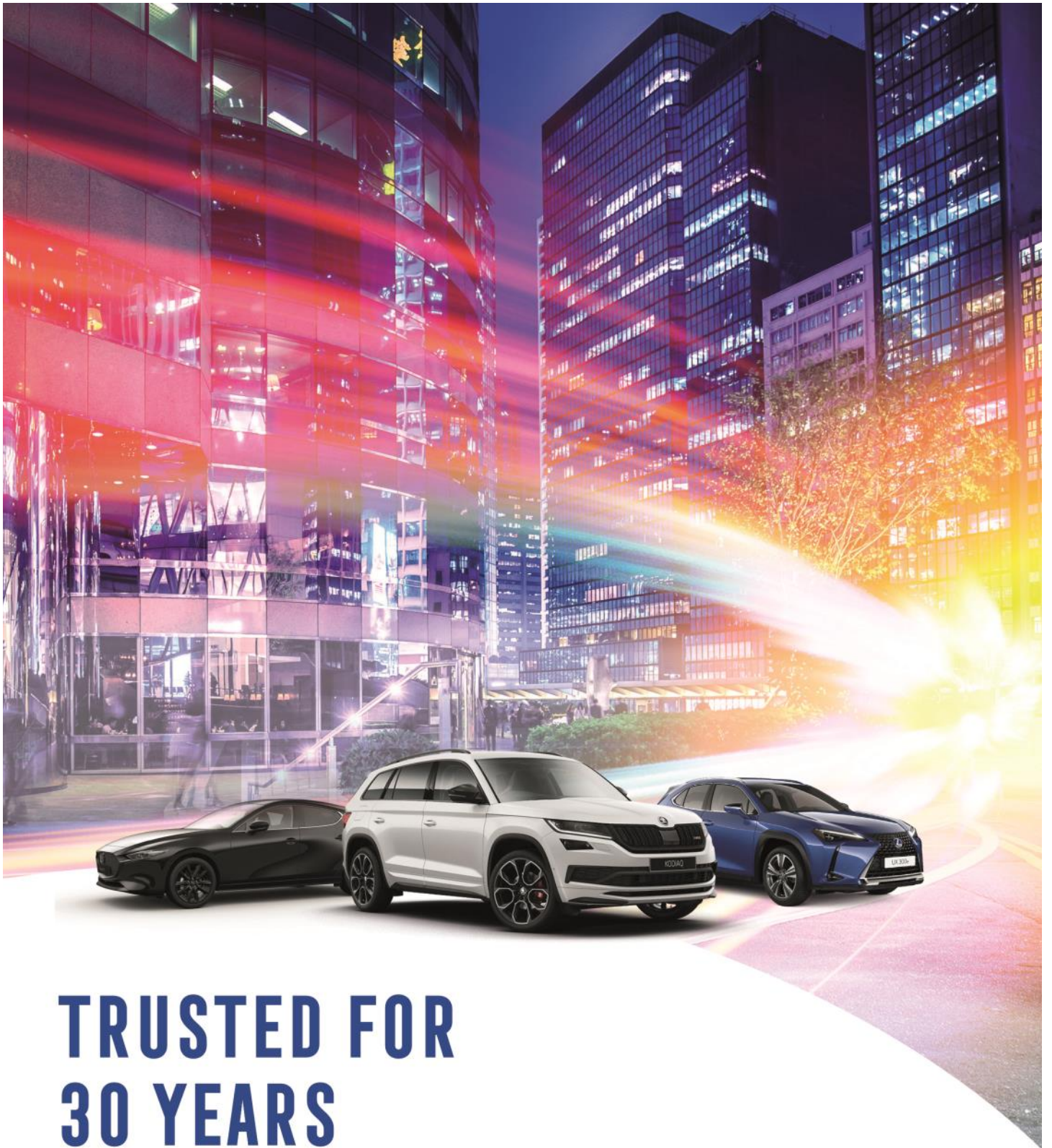


- In vegetable garden beds, be sure to remove old plants, as well as any foliage that has fallen on the soil.
- Do a final weeding, and mulch the bed with straw, grass clippings, or chopped leaves. The mulch can be turned into the soil next spring to help fertilize next year's crops.
- Collect and store flower bulbs—such as gladiolus, freesia, calla, and canna bulbs—after their tops have frozen.
- Mow the lawn one last time.
- Collect leaves to shred (with a shredder or mower) and compost.
- Before you put away your mower, drain any petrol in the tank and take the mower to be serviced or for any repairs and to have the blade sharpened ready for the spring.
- Cut back tender roses to 10 to 12 inches, and remove all foliage so insects and diseases can't winter over.
- Cover tender, hybrid roses with leaves or straw to protect against winter temperature changes.
- Bring in any pots that can't survive a freeze — terra-cotta, ceramic, and many plastic pots.
- Clean and oil garden tools before storing for winter.
- Dig up geraniums and bring them indoors for the winter.
- Plant spring bulbs up until ground freezes.
- If you are planning on making new garden beds, or expanding current ones, do it now so they are ready to be planted in spring.
- Continue harvesting any late vegetables. You can cover the hardier ones like Brussels sprouts with row covers to extend their season.

An enthusiastic gardener

Thoughts for November

The recent death of Queen Elizabeth will make Remembrance day this year so much more poignant to many people. Memories of the Queen's devotion to this country and the Commonwealth throughout her long life is vivid in our minds and none more so than when she remembered those who had given their lives in wartime. This year, give special thanks for all of them and pray for peace throughout the world.



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Visit by The Bishop of Chester

The Bishop of Chester, Rt Revd Mark Tanner is coming to All Saints' for our **6.30pm** service on **Sunday 9th October** and will be the preacher at that service. We are having a Parish Tea (Cakes, tea, coffee etc) in the Parish Hall from 5.30pm on that day. We hope the Bishop will be able to join us for tea and have an opportunity to meet members of All Saints' congregation.



We hope as many as possible will come along to meet the bishop and hear him speak. Please make every effort to join us on this occasion even if you don't normally come to our evening services



WIRRAL SHOEBOX APPEAL

In the past your support of our Shoebox Campaign has been heart-warming and we ask, once more, for your help. At this time of year we collect items that can be included in the shoeboxes we fill to give to children in deprived parts of Eastern Europe. It is especially good to know that this year they will go to Ukraine, as well as Romania, Moldova, Bosnia and Georgia. We will be holding a Coffee Morning on Thursday, 13th October in support of the Shoebox appeal. (see below for full details). Contributions of any of these items will be most welcome.

Practical supplies: Toothbrush and toothpaste, hairbrush/comb, face cloth, soap, Stationery, pens, pencils, paper, Gloves, hats, scarves
Craft pack, Sewing kit, Jewellery.

A few small gifts: A soft toy, ball, game, puzzle, bubbles, musical instrument, (eg harmonica/recorder) – and, of course, sweets or chocolate.

Val Peter



COFFEE MORNING

Wirral Shoebox Appeal

Thornton Hough Women's Institute

Thursday, 13 October, 2022

10.30 am - noon

£3.00 - Coffee or Tea AND Cake!

Cakes, Raffle Handmade Cards, Plants, Bring & Buy



We were saddened to hear of the death of the Queen and our thoughts are with her family at this sad time. The Queen was not only a great supporter and patron of the WI she was also an active member of Sandringham WI for 80 years. She was the ultimate inspiring woman and many members across the WI will remember her fondly and have stories to share. The National Federation of the WI have opened a formal condolence book for WI members to add their personal thoughts. The link is <https://www.kudoboard.com/boards/oraXSYiu>

At our meeting on Tuesday, 6 September, **Rev. Hugh Burgess** took us on a pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela in Northern Spain, using photographs and stories of his 2,800 km walk starting in Halkyn, Flint. A journey of dedication, we were in awe of his commitment. A fascinating and entertaining talk.

In September we are hosting one of the qualifying rounds of the Cheshire Federation Quiz. Thornton Hough WI have entered a team - wish us luck!

We are looking forward to our walking tour around Chester on Friday, 14th October with guide Stephen Shakeshaft, who has promised to let us in on its many secrets.

Summer Social: Despite Wirral Council workers deciding to restore road markings on Smithy Hill and closing the road off from Thornton Hall to the top of the village on Wednesday, 24 August, we managed to access the Hall and had a very sociable afternoon accompanied by a ploughman's buffet followed by a choice of desserts. Everyone opted for a cup of tea afterwards. We also celebrated one of our long-standing member's 'significant birthday' with cake, candles and a chorus of Happy Birthday.

Dates for your Diary:

Shoebox Appeal: Thursday 13 October, 10.30 am at the WI Hall. All welcome.

Seadogs Concert: Tuesday, 8 November, 7.30 pm - 10.00 pm. Hotpot supper and dessert. Tickets £15.00. Bring your own drinks! Members, friends and visitors welcome. Port Sunlight Seadogs are a popular and well-known group of singers bringing songs of a sailor's hard life, songs of Liverpool, distant ports and cruel seas. This will be a fund-raising event for THWI and promises to be a lively and fun evening. Tickets available from Betty Hodges (Tel: 336 3572)

THWI Christmas Bazaar: Saturday 10 December, 11.00 am - 2.00 pm at the WI Hall. Beautiful craft gifts, cards and chutneys are some of the many items to complete your Christmas gifts, stocking fillers or a well-deserved treat for yourself. Refreshments available. We look forward to seeing you all.

Our next evening meeting will be on Tuesday, 4 October, 7.30 pm, when the speaker will be Base Commander, British Antarctic Expedition - The Antarctic. All welcome.

Janet Gaywood



All Saints' Church Thornton Hough 2023 Parish Calendar

On sale now **£5.00** each

from Brian Morris or Margaret Gamble. They are also available at the Village Hall. This would make a lovely present for your friends and relatives especially if they have moved from the village. Please support this initiative which raises much-needed funds for the church.

If you would be willing to sell some calendars please contact Brian Morris on 336 1393 or 07732644861

Time to Remember and be Thankful

30th October 2022 is All Saints' Day. Our **10.30 Communion service** will be an opportunity to give thanks for all the saints whose lives and examples have helped encourage our faith, and from which our Parish church is named.



On this day we will be having a special **Service for the Faithful Departed at 3.30pm**. We remember with love those who have died, especially during the last year. Families and friends of those who have lost a loved one during this time are invited to attend. We will light a candle in memory of each of those we have lost and read their names. Please contact the Vicar for further details.

13th November is Remembrance Sunday. We remember with solemn thanks the sacrifices made by men and women in two World Wars and other conflicts.

Our **10.30 Communion Service** will include an Act of Remembrance. There will be a **Civic Service for Remembrance Sunday** beginning with a procession concluding at the War Memorial at 2.45pm, followed by a service in All Saints' Church at 3.00pm.



Advent: The Coming of the King!

Advent begins on **27th November** this year. Join us in beginning this journey of preparation for the birth of Christ in our **Service of Readings and Music for Advent at 10.30 am**.

We celebrate the coming of Jesus as Light of the World in our **Christingle** service at **4.00pm on 11th December**.



Come and hear the Christmas Story unfold in readings and music at our service of **Lessons and Carols on 18th December at 5.00pm**. Enjoy a mince pie and maybe some mulled wine afterwards.



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Register of Baptism, Burials and Marriages for August - September

Burials

Burials	Died	Age	Burial/Ash
Sylvia Maureen WOOLDRIDGE	21/7/21	85	Ashes buried 17/9/22

Weddings

27/8/22 Jamie MASSEY & Kelly Louise WOLFF

Baptism

14/8/22 Lennox Arthur WALBERG

Quiz Answers

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|--|--|
| 1 Stanley Baldwin | 9 Yes |
| 2 At Home with tutors | 10 As herself in a James Bond Movie |
| 3 Mountbatten– Windsor | 11 Susan |
| 4 Wife of a Naval officer | 12 Prime Minister |
| 5 Throat Lozenges, pen & eyeglass | 13 Queen Elizabeth was 25yrs old |
| 6 1st televised Coronation | 14 The Queen was born on 21st April 1926 |
| 7 To ensure the Queen was more visible in a crowd. | |
| 8 She was pregnant with Princes Andrew & Edward. | |



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Sunday Bible Readings

October—November 2022

October

2	Trinity 16	
	Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4	Luke 17: 5-10
9	Trinity 17	
	2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c	Luke 17:11-19
16	Trinity 18	
	Genesis 32:22-31	Luke 18:1-8
23	Bible Sunday / Last after Trinity	
	Romans 15:1-6	Luke 4:16-24
30	All Saints	
	Ephesians 1:11-23	Luke 6:20-31

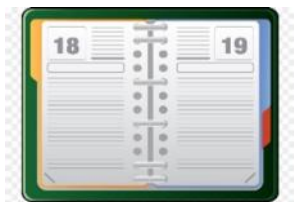
November

6	3rd before Advent	
	Job 19:23-27a	Luke 20:27-38
13	Remembrance Sunday	
	Malachi 4:1-2a	Luke 21:5-19
20	Christ the King	
	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Luke 23:33-43
27	Advent Sunday	
	Romans 13:11-14	Matthew 24:36-44

December

4	Advent 2	
	Romans 15:4-13	Matthew 3:1-12





Parish Diary

October—November 2022

October

2	Sunday	Trinity 16
	8:00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10:30am	Holy Communion
3	Monday	
	2:30pm	Pilgrim Course (2)
5	Wednesday	
	10:30am	Holy Communion
7	Friday	
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
9	Sunday	Trinity 17
	10:30am	Holy Communion
	5:30pm	Parish Tea
	6:30pm	Choral Evensong. Preacher: The Bishop of Chester
10	Monday	
	10:00am	Toybox
	2:30pm	Pilgrim Course (3)
11	Tuesday	
	7:30pm	PCC Meeting
12	Wednesday	
	10:30am	Holy Communion
	2:15pm	ACF: Singing the Psalms (Iain Stinson)
14	Friday	
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
16	Sunday	Trinity 18
	8:00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10:30am	Holy Communion
17	Monday	
	2:30pm	Pilgrim Course (4)
19	Wednesday	
	10:30am	Holy Communion

October

21	Friday	7:00pm	Choir Practice
23	Sunday	Last after Trinity / Bible Sunday	
		10:30am	Holy Communion
24	Monday	2:30pm	Pilgrim Course (5)
26	Wednesday	10:30am	Coffee Morning
28	Friday	7:00pm	Choir Practice
30	Sunday	All Saints	
		10:30am	Holy Communion
		3:30pm	Commemoration of the Faithful Departed
31	Monday	2:30pm	Pilgrim Course (6)

November

2	Wednesday	10:30am	Holy Communion
4	Friday	7:00pm	Choir Practice
6	Sunday	Third before Advent	
		8:00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10:30am	Holy Communion
8	Tuesday	7:30pm	PCC Meeting
9	Wednesday	10:30am	Holy Communion
		2:15pm	ACF: The Leprosy Mission England and Wales (Paul Moores)
11	Friday	7:00pm	Choir Practice
13	Sunday	Remembrance Sunday	
		10:30am	Holy Communion (with Act of Remembrance)
		2:45pm	Act of Remembrance at War Memorial
		3:00pm	Civic Service for Remembrance Sunday (All Saints' Church)

November

14	Monday	
	10:00am	Toybox
16	Wednesday	
	10:30am	Holy Communion
18	Friday	
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
20	Sunday	Christ the King / Next before Advent
	8:00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10:30am	Holy Communion
23	Wednesday	
	10:30am	Coffee Morning
25	Friday	
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
27	Sunday	Advent Sunday
	10:30am	Service of readings and music for Advent
30	Wednesday	
	10:30am	Holy Communion

December

2	Friday	
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
4	Sunday	Advent 2
	8:00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10:30am	Holy Communion

Morning Prayer at All Saints'

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

Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays
at 9.15am.

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**The deadline for submission of materials for the next edition is
November 14th 2022**

Reminder

**Clocks go back 1 hour on Sunday
30th October at 2.00am**



A Final word from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

In her Christmas Day message in 2002, The Queen said, "Each day is a new beginning. I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God. Like others of you who draw inspiration from your own faith, I draw strength from the message of hope in the Christian gospel."

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