

Our Parish
Aston-Cum-Aughton
with Swallownest and Ulley

December 2022



**WISHING YOU ALL A VERY
HAPPY AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS**

*If you would like to make a donation towards the costs of producing this magazine,
please tell the Editor 0114 287 5477*



SERVICES DURING DECEMBER 2022

Mask wearing and social distancing in Church will be personal choice and will be accommodated to protect the vulnerable.

We shall continue to follow safe practice and recommend the ongoing use of hand sanitiser.

We have now reintroduced distribution of wine via the chalice on a voluntary basis. If you would prefer not to receive wine, please simply leave the altar rail after receiving the bread.

We hope to welcome increasing numbers of friends old and new back into Church for our services. If anyone at any time feels uncomfortable then please speak to one of the churchwardens.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SERVICES

Said Services will be held in Church at 9.30am on Wednesday mornings and will hopefully be mostly Communion Services.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES

A Service will be held in Church at **10:30am** each Sunday and will be mostly Sunday Morning Worship with occasional Communion services should Priests become available.

All Protocols issued by the Diocese for enabling services in Church will be observed.

ACCESS TO THE CHURCH

Please remember that until further notice, no-one is to enter the church without the prior permission of one of the churchwardens.

For access at anytime please contact:

Val Dixon 0114 287 3214
Chris Ward 0114 287 6733



FOREWORD BY CHURCH WARDEN CHRIS WARD

Welcome to this trial issue of our new church magazine. As you will know, since COVID we have not been able to produce a physical magazine due to transmission and other concerns. Now that we are learning to live with COVID, we are keen to see if there is any interest and appetite in us resuming production of a paper magazine on a regular basis. We would appreciate any feedback to office@allsaintsaston.com

We have of course continued to provide a virtual e-magazine during the last 3 years and I would like to thank our magazine editor, Peter Maxted, for making this happen. During this time, we have placed existing adverts free of charge, and we are pleased to do so again on this occasion. However, if we are to resume production of a paper magazine I am afraid we will need to reintroduce charges for advertising, as these help defray some of the costs of production. If you are an existing advertiser you should already have been contacted along these lines, but if not, apologies and perhaps you could let us know if you do wish to continue to advertise with us. If you are interested in advertising with us for the first time, do please let us know also. We are grateful to all existing and future advertisers for their support.

The Advent and Christmas season is of course a very busy time for the church and for all Christians. Here at Aston, we are no exception. Elsewhere in the magazine you will find details of all our services and events including concerts and music throughout the period. We would love to see as many of you as possible at these events throughout the festive period. If you would like to know more about any of these events please visit our website www.allsaintsaston.com or e-mail to office@allsaintsaston.com or call us on 07934 101538.

On behalf of everyone at All Saints church, may I wish you all a very peaceful, blessed and above all Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Chris Ward
Churchwarden
07949 186202
chrismarkward@sky.com





ALL SAINTS ASTON SERVICES IN DECEMBER 2022

Sunday 4 December

10:30am All Age CHRISTINGLE



Wednesday 7 December

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 11 December

10:30am Holy Communion

6:30pm Evensong

Wednesday 14 December

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 18 December

10:30am Morning Worship

6:30pm CAROL SERVICE

Wednesday 21 December

9:30am Holy Communion

Saturday 24 December

3:00pm CRIB SERVICE

11:00pm Carols around the Tree

11:30pm MIDNIGHT MASS



EVENING SERVICES ARE @ 6:30pm

*To join any Zoom service
Meeting ID: 868 936 2500 Passcode: church*

WEARING OF FACE MASKS IS ADVISABLE TO PROTECT THE VULNERABLE



Holy Trinity Church Ulley Services in **DECEMBER**



Sunday 4 December

9:00am Holy Communion

Sunday 11 December

10:00am Morning Worship

Sunday 18 December

10:30am Holy Communion

Saturday 24 December—CHRISTMAS EVE

11:30pm MIDNIGHT MASS

All Services are now in Church and will be available on ZOOM

Meeting ID : 751 676 3956 Passcode : 266293

WHO TO CONTACT AT HOLY TRINITY

Church Wardens:

Gwyneth Hodgson: 0114 287 2150, Gwyneth.sampson@outlook.com

Sue Hubbard: 0114 287 3846, suehermec@hotmail.com

Weddings: If you want to talk about getting married, or to book your wedding please E-mail Hazel on office@allsaintsaston.com.

Wedding couples can ring: 07934 101538

Baptisms: If you would like to arrange a Baptism please E-mail our Baptism co-ordinator, Gloria Hope on Baptism@gloriahope.uk

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On giving the after-dinner speech

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My dear Nephew Darren,

I have been slightly surprised that in your ministry so far, you have never been asked to give an after-dinner speech. Now you have delivered your first one, I can understand why. Speeches after any dinner come at the point where stomachs are dealing with a little too much food and brains with about the same quantity of wine. They should be short and witty; yours was neither.

An hour-long speech on the Herodians and Second Temple Judaism at the time of the birth of Christ was not quite what we had expected. I applauded your enthusiasm, but I was the only one; the rest of them were asleep. Long after you had left, the catering staff gently vacuumed the carpets around the audience, and it was only when the night security guard arrived that the last diners were woken and politely sent home. I suspect you will have put many marriages under strain as husbands, returning home in the early hours of the morning, had to explain to wives why they were so late. Their truthful answers would have been unbelievable.

When the head waiter appeared in a dressing gown and started placing chairs on tables, even you must have suspected that hints were being dropped and I have never heard of a hotel manager interrupting a speech to place his keys on the top table and asking if the last person to leave would kindly lock the main door.

I know that your clerical attire is more usually T-shirt and jeans, but borrowing the curate's dinner suit from your next-door parish was also not a good idea. He is a foot taller and several stones heavier than you. The result was quite worrying – several people wondered if you had just recovered from some dreadful disease that had made you shrink.

In the light of your qualified success, thank you for offering to come to repeat your speech after our annual Christmas dinner, but no thank you. The verger's son wants to share with us how many potholes he has counted in and around the town, and that should be most interesting.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace





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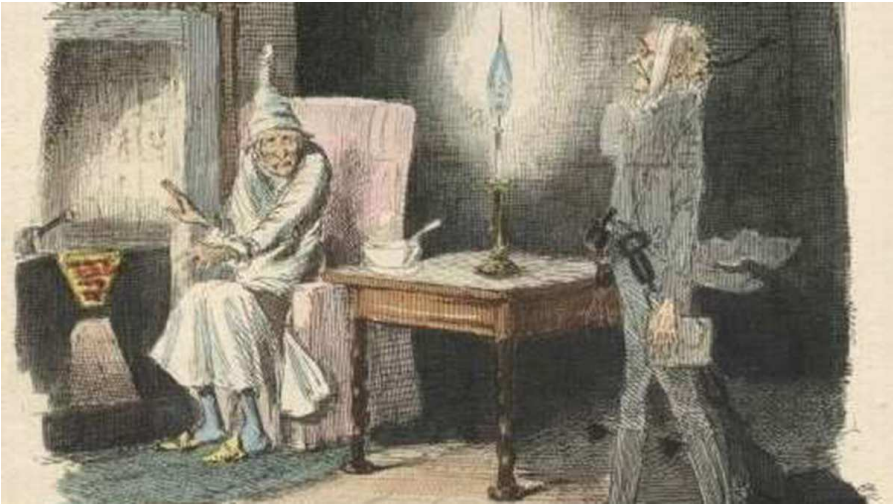
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The First Christmas

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AN ANGEL HAD TOLD MARY SHE WOULD HAVE VERY SPECIAL BABY



MARY AND JOSEPH MADE THE LONG JOURNEY FROM NAZARETH TO BETHLEHEM. THEY HAD BEEN ORDERED THERE BY THE CENSUS.



BUT THE TOWN WAS FULL... THE ONLY SHELTER THEY COULD FIND WAS A STABLE...



...WHICH IS WHERE THE BABY JESUS WAS BORN.



SHEPHERDS IN FIELDS NEARBY RACED TO SEE THE BABY. AN ANGEL HAD TOLD THEM WHERE JESUS HAS BEEN BORN.



A festive graphic for a Christingle service. It features several stylized, smiling candles with faces, some wearing glasses or hats. The candles are surrounded by colorful, multi-colored baubles and stars. The background is a dark blue, textured surface. In the top right corner, the word "Christingle" is written in a white, cursive font with a small orange and red bauble above the letter 'i'.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
ALL SAINTS CHURCH ASTON
SUNDAY 4 DECEMBER 2022 @ 10:30am

A graphic for a carols by candlelight service. It features a dark blue, starry night sky background. In the foreground, there are silhouettes of the Nativity scene: three wise men on camels, a manger with a baby and Mary, a donkey, a sheep, and a shepherd with a staff. The scene is set on a dark blue hillside.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT
ALL SAINTS CHURCH ASTON
SUNDAY 18 DECEMBER 2022 @ 6:30pm

A graphic for Christmas. It features a red background with a large, white, full moon in the center. Silhouettes of Santa Claus in his sleigh, pulled by three reindeer, are flying across the sky. The bottom of the image shows a row of dark green evergreen trees.

"GOD BLESS US, EVERY ONE!"
MERRY CHRISTMAS



A Plea to the Community of All Saints Church

A warm welcome awaits you whenever you wish to visit our beautiful Grade 1 listed 12th Century Church. Here at All Saints Church Aston we have Services every Sunday and during the week for those people who wish to extend their faith, or cannot make our Sunday Services.

We welcome the residents of our Community. Many of our children visit and play under supervision at our various organised groups. Many of these groups and services are highlighted in this Monthly Parish Magazine.

Our church is run by the Parochial Church Council of All Saints Aston, which comprises elected members of the Congregation, Clergy and Licensed Lay members. The PCC meets every month to discuss our finances and how our money should be spent to benefit and improve our church.

These meetings cover matters from the day to day running of our church, to the safety of every person who enters our church, and the ongoing repairs and maintenance needed to ensure our church is fit for purpose.

We receive many wonderful testaments from visitors who visit our church; from those who have been to a Service, a Wedding, a Baptism, a Funeral or just decided to look around our Church when in the area or staying at Aston Hall Hotel.

Like many other organizations, our Church continues to have challenges to maintain the fabric of the building and the requirements for our Church and Community's future.



We are grateful to members of our congregation and friends who donate to assist in all that we try to do in the development and the continuing pathway work of our Church. These donations are made by a monthly bank direct debit, a weekly envelope scheme or by cash in the collection tray. All monies are used to help in the running of our church.

We hope you too would like to consider becoming part of the continuation of our work and the future of our Church by donating whatever you feel you can afford. Being a charity, if you are a tax payer each £1.00 donation you give attracts 25p from the government, which as you can understand is of great help to us.

If you would like further information on how you can help by making a monthly bank direct debit donation, by weekly envelope contribution, or a one off donation to our church we would be very grateful for you to contact our Gift Aid Secretary or our Admin Assistant.

Contact details as follows:

Gift Aid Secretary : **Glyn Sands**

Mobile phone 07835 240870 or glynsands@aol.com

Church AdminAssistant : **Hazel Winstanley**

by email at office@allsaintsaston.com or phone 07934 101538

About 700AD the people of Aston embraced Christianity and built a church: probably of wattle and wood. After the Norman Conquest in 1066 the Norman Lord erected a Hall and rebuilt the Church in Stone.

**Together with your assistance
we could help to ensure that
our Church will continue into the future**

ROTHERHAM FOODBANK

You can leave donations in the porch at All Saints from 9.30am to 10.30am on Wednesdays and from 9.15am to 10.30am on Sundays.

They urgently need:

Tinned Rice Pudding

Tinned Fruit

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Tinned Vegetables

Packet Mashed Potatoes

Tinned Spaghetti

Snack Foods

Tinned Potatoes

Pot Noodles

Any donations you can make will be greatly appreciated.

Please speak to Pam Taylor 0114 287 9221 if you would like more information.



ROTA FOR SIDESPEOPLE

DECEMBER 2022

4	ALL AGE CHRISTINGLE	Pam Taylor
11	HOLY COMMUNION	Sheila Brown & Ann Mason
18	MORNING WORSHIP	Gill Ward & Marjorie O'Neil
24	MIDNIGHT MASS	
25	NO SERVICE	

ALL SAINTS CHURCH ASTON



**ALL SAINTS CHURCH ASTON
IS OFFERING A**

WARM SPACE

The Narthex will be open between
9:00am and 3:00pm

EVERY FRIDAY

commencing **18 NOVEMBER 2022**

You are
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'pop in' for a warm and hot
refreshments
during the cold weather.





ROYAL MAIL WARNING

The Royal Mail will be adding barcodes to all regular stamps, enabling exciting new services by connecting physical stamps to the digital world through the Royal Mail app. But what will this mean for current stamps?

After 31st January 2023, **regular stamps without a barcode will no longer be valid**. You can either choose to use these stamps before this deadline (great for Christmas Cards), or swap them for the new barcoded ones through the Stamp Swap Out scheme.



If you try to use an old stamp, you may be subject to a surcharge.

Please note that Special Stamps with pictures on and Christmas Stamps without a barcode will continue to be valid and don't need to be swapped out.

HOW CAN YOU SWAP OLD STAMPS?

To swap out your old stamps go to <https://www.royalmail.com/sending/barcoded-stamps> simply download one of the Stamp Swap Out forms and send them back to the Royal Mail with your non-barcoded stamps. If you have a printer, print the form and send back, along with your stamps, free of charge by writing on the envelope **Freepost SWAP OUT**. No other address details or postcode are needed.

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For those without a printer, you can request a **Stamp Swap Out form to be posted to you** by completing the Form online. The instructions for sending back will depend on the form you request.

The Royal Mail explain: "The move is part of the Company's extensive and ongoing modernisation drive and will allow the unique barcodes to facilitate operational efficiencies, enable the introduction of added security features and pave the way for innovative services for customers."

Time to check those drawers at home for old stamps...



WEDDINGS AT ALL SAINTS



We're so pleased to be able to say that weddings at All Saints Church are happening again! We felt so sorry for the couples who had to postpone their weddings because of the lockdown but we hope that, once weddings were allowed again, they all had a wonderful day with us. As we look back at this last year of weddings we remember with affection all the lovely people we've met, the happy brides and grooms, the proud dads and tearful mums and the special moment when one couples little dog trotted down the aisle with the bridesmaids. Such a well behaved little 'pageboy'!

Our beautiful 12th century church is a wonderful setting for a wedding and of course we're ideally situated if you're planning to hold your reception at the outstanding Aston Hall hotel - just a two minute walk away.

We're now taking bookings for 2023, 2024 and, would you believe, 2025! How times have changed. I'm sure that we only sorted our wedding out a few months before the actual date - but there again that was a long, long time ago! I still have my wedding dress in the loft, obviously by now quite a few sizes too small of course.

Did you know that you can now get married in our church even if you don't live in this parish? If you would like to come and have a look around our church with a view to having your wedding with us please don't hesitate to get in touch with us by phone or by email. Don't forget to check our website for more information and reviews.

We would love to be 'The perfect place for your perfect day'.

God is love and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them.

To contact the wedding team at All Saints Church please phone 07934 101538 or E-mail weddings.astonallsaints@gmail.com



25th December - Why the World was ready for Christmas.

Ever wonder why Jesus was born when He was? The Bible tells us that “when the time had fully come, God sent forth His Son.” The Jewish people had been waiting for their Messiah for centuries. Why did God send Him precisely when He did?

Many biblical scholars believe that the ‘time had fully come’ for Jesus because of the politics of the time. The Roman Empire’s sheer size and dominance had achieved something unique in world history: the opportunity for travel from Bethlehem to Berwick on Tweed without ever crossing into ‘enemy territory’ or needing a ‘passport’. For the first time ever, it was possible for ‘common’ people to travel wide and far, and quickly spread news and ideas. And all you needed were two languages – Greek to the east of Rome, and Latin to the west and north. You could set sail from Joppa (Tel Aviv) and head for any port on the Mediterranean and the Roman roads ran straight and true throughout the empire.

So the Roman Empire achieved something it never intended: it helped spread news of Christianity far and wide for 400 years. After that, the Empire crumbled, and the borders shut down. Not until the 19th century would people again roam so freely. The time for Jesus to be born, and for news of Him to be able to travel, had indeed ‘fully come’.



For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the
government shall be upon his shoulder:
And His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The
Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.



A Christmas Carol

‘Marley was dead: to begin with. There is no doubt whatever about that. The register of his burial was signed by the clergyman, the clerk, the undertaker, and the chief mourner. Scrooge signed it: and Scrooge’s name was good upon ‘Change, for anything he chose to put his hand to. Old Marley was as dead as a door-nail.’ These are the opening words of Charles Dickens’ (1812-1870) novella ‘A Christmas Carol’ (1843). As a boy I read my copy each evening starting on December 1st, before turning off my bedside light, finishing on Christmas Eve. I loved being transported to meet Ebenezer Scrooge the miser who hated Christmas and experiencing his inner transformation.

Of Scrooge Dickens says: ‘The cold within him froze his old features, nipped his pointed nose, shrivelled his cheek, stiffened his gait; made his eyes red, his thin lips blue and spoke out shrewdly in his grating voice... He carried his own low temperature always about with him...’ His equally cold, dead, business partner Jacob Marley visits on Christmas Eve, finding Scrooge eating gruel in ‘his dressing-gown and slippers, and his nightcap’, sitting before ‘a very low fire indeed... [from] a handful of fuel.’ Scrooge refuses to believe Marley who promises three further visitations, calling it ‘Humbug’. Marley warns Scrooge that without visitations he will share his eternally restless doom. Marley is bound by a chain ‘clasped about his middle. It was long, and wound about him like a tail; and it was made... of cash-boxes, keys, padlocks, ledgers, deeds, and heavy purses wrought in steel.’ Scrooge had similarly made money his idol and could expect the same consequences.

The first visitation by The Ghost of Christmas Past reintroduces Scrooge to his past, of his abandonment at boarding school after the death of his mother, but also of his happy return home facilitated by his beloved sister Fan. Scrooge is apprenticed to jolly ‘Old Fezziwig’ and becomes engaged to Belle but his love of money overtakes him. Fan dies after giving birth to his nephew Fred, who Scrooge rejects, despite offering Scrooge his friendship. Belle marries another. Scrooge becomes regretful. The second spirit, The Ghost of Christmas Present shows Scrooge how terrible his disdain for the poor is and that without medical help his clerk Bob Cratchit’s son ‘Tiny Tim’ will die.

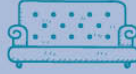
The third Spirit, The Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come shows Scrooge that nobody will mourn his passing. Even his best shirt will be stolen from his body before burial. Scrooge is terrified by the prospect of facing the same judgment as Marley. He begs for another chance, awakening on Christmas morning, a changed man with a generous, warm heart. He visits his nephew, donates to charity and supports Cratchit’s family. A Christmas Carol is a tale of Christmas and Easter rolled into one. It ends ‘...it was always said of [Scrooge], that he knew how to keep Christmas well, if any man alive possessed the knowledge. May that be truly said of us, and all of us! And so, as Tiny Tim observed, God Bless Us, Every One!’

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Aston Ladies Circle

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Aston-cum-Aughton History Group

*Meetings on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month, 7 - 9pm, William Layne
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Aston-cum-Aughton Ladies Group

*Meetings on the 3rd Monday of each month at 1.45pm in the Narthex at All
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5th Age (charity number 1068378)

This social group meets every Tuesday, 2 - 4pm at Heighton View Community Centre (off Turnshaw Avenue in Aughton). Open to anyone over 55. Just drop in: ask for Julia. Membership free. Contact : enquire5thage@outlook.com

Swallownest Ladies Group

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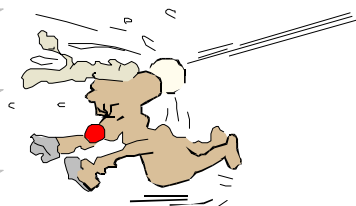
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RESTORATION WORK IN ASTON CHURCH Part 1



*Dedication of the War Memorial
Rev. Theodore H. E. Japing (left),
and Rev. George Kirk with
members of the Aston Branch of
the British Legion:
Mr. Colin Savage (President),
Mr. Jack Martin, Mr. Fred Dobbs
and Mr. Cyril Layne*

During Reverend George Kirk's time at Aston from 1956 to 1980 he carried out very necessary restoration work in the church and he left records of this with the history group.

The Church was in a dilapidated condition but the work of restoration had already begun. The tower, its roof and battlements, replacement of decayed stones on the outside of the porch and the south side of the nave had been completed. An organ from St. Oswald's Millhouses had been installed the previous year.

In 1957 the south aisle roof was restored and apart from the main beams, all the timber had to be replaced. The Shields above the Fane Memorial were restored to their original colours by Mr. Smith, Principal of Rotherham School of Art.

In 1958 work was carried out in the South Aisle. The original intention was to restore the South Aisle as a Lady Chapel, but it was later agreed to furnish a Baptistry. The east end of the South Aisle was paved in stone and the font was moved from its position adjacent to the main door and placed at the east end. The font cover was designed by Mr. G G Pace, ARIBA On Sunday 19th January 1958, a service of dedication was held to the Glory of God and in memory of the men and women of Aston, Aughton and Swallownest who gave their lives in the Great Wars of 1914-1918 and 1939-1945. A casket containing a roll of honour was fixed to the wall under the east window.

Also in 1958 the oak screen cutting off the tower from the nave was moved in order to provide additional seating. This screen was part of the memorial for the 1914-1918 War but it was badly infested with wood worm and needed quick removal. An estimate of £750 was obtained for restoring the roof of the North Aisle but after dismantling it was found that all the timbers were so rotten and infested with woodworm and death watch beetle that the whole roof had to be replaced. It was a replica of the old and cost £1,500. A special appeal for £500 was launched and the Bishop of Sheffield contributed £300 from his own funds. Pointing and repairs were carried out to stonework on the south side of the nave above the South Aisle Roof. The church yard was put into a tidy condition and several grave stones were removed and used to provide a path from gate to porch.



In 1959 the interior of the porch had been previously plastered and fitted with a ceiling (probably in the restoration carried out in 1890). This was removed and several faulty stones replaced. The roof of the nave and chancel were painted and on the advice of the architect, Mr. G G.Pace, the nave was painted sage green and the chancel white.

In 1960 the new altar and sanctuary were dedicated. The standard candlesticks, in wrought iron, were presented by Mr. Walsh in memory of his mother, a daughter of Rev. Haynes, Rector of this parish from 1872 to 1909. These candlesticks together with wrought iron altar ornaments were designed by Mr. Pace and the figure on the crucifix was designed by Michael Murray. The altar candlesticks were bought by the Aston British Legion Women's Branch. A new frontal for the altar in green Lyndley Lurex cloth, a carpet and a wrought iron stand for flowers were bought. The Church central heating system was converted to oil burning.

In 1961 the stonework of two windows on the south side of the chancel was restored in Clipsam stone and the ornate style of the earlier windows was simplified. They were designed by Mr. G. G. Pace and executed by Mr. John Hanstock, stonemason of Aston. The glass of the window nearest to the nave was of coloured geometric pattern, a memorial to Harriet Alderson 1895. This was replaced by clear leaded glass. The east wall of the chancel was re-pointed.

The floor at the east end of the North Aisle was paved in stone using voluntary labour and was then furnished as a Lady Chapel, all the furnishings being provided by private gifts. The Altar was made by H. Robinson and Cooke to a design by Mr. Pace and the timber was bought by the Young Wives' Group. The Credence Table was designed and made by John Hanstock, the stone bought by the Servers' Guild. The red and gold Hanoverian frontal was given by All Saints' Guild. Brass candlesticks were given by Mr. George White of Aston in memory of his wife and a stone coloured carpet was given by Mr and Mrs J Renshaw of Killamarsh.

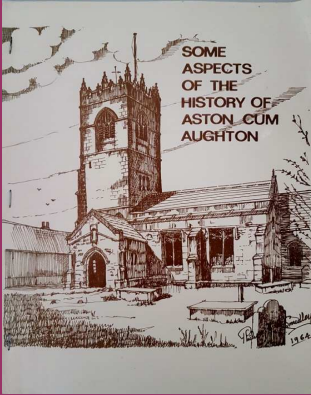
In 1962 the floor around the pulpit was paved in stone. The pulpit itself was moved from its position abutting the north side of the chancel arch to the front of the respond of the east arch in the north aisle. In 1963 a new west window was installed in memory of Adrian Hanna, for several years a choirboy. The east wall of the Chancel was re-pointed. In 1964 a white chasuble set with green contrasting material was made by Mrs. Botfield and used for the first time on Christmas Day. And finally, in 1965 the church central heating boiler was renewed.

To be continued in the next issue.

Ann Key Secretary,
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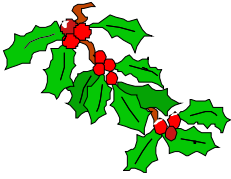
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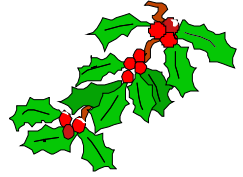




I HEARD THE BELLS ON CHRISTMAS DAY



I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men.



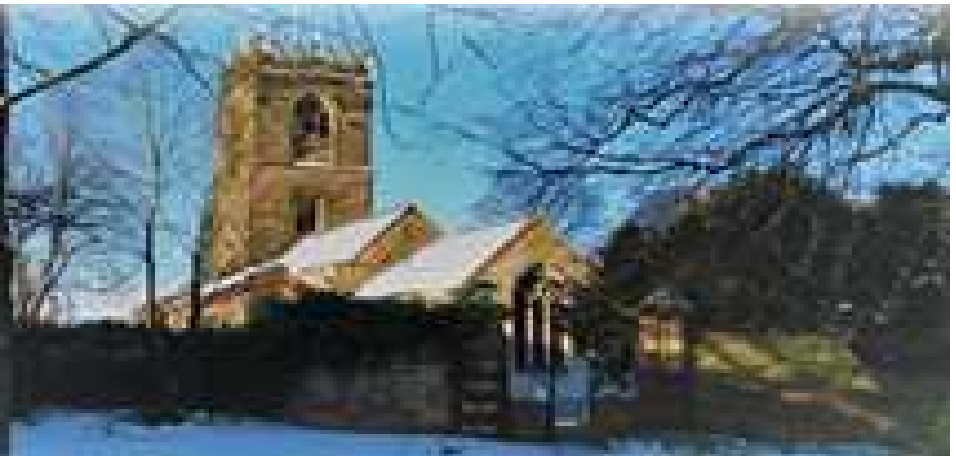
I thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along th'unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

And in despair I bowed my head:
'There is no peace on earth,' I said
'For hate is strong, and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to men.'

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
'God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men.'

Till, ringing, singing on its way,
The world revolved from night to day
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime,
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

By Henry Wadsworth Longfellow





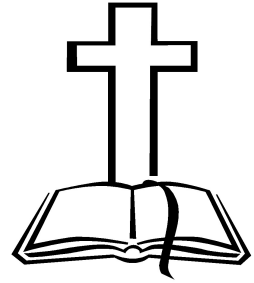
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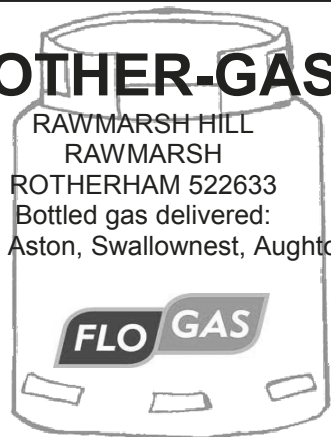
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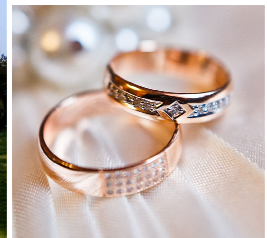
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