

# *Our Parish*

*Aston-Cum-Aughton  
with Swallownest and Ulley*

April 2023



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please tell the Editor 0114 287 5477*



## SERVICES DURING APRIL 2023

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**



# ALL SAINTS CHURCH ASTON : NOTICES

## ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

TO BE HELD

**ON 21 MAY 2023**

IN CHURCH AFTER THE SERVICE

**ALL ARE WELCOME**



## **THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL WILL BE OPEN FOR REVISION 26 MARCH 2023 - 23 APRIL 2023**

If you wish to be included please complete the Application Form  
from the back of the Church and send to the  
Church Electoral Roll Officer

Peter Maxted  
26 Lodge Lane  
Aston  
SHEFFIELD S26 2BP

or, scan and send by E-Mail to [peter@themax2020.co.uk](mailto:peter@themax2020.co.uk)

**To be included Applications must be returned before 23 April 2023.**  
The Revised Roll will then be posted on the Church Noticeboard for 14 days.



# ALL SAINTS ASTON SERVICES IN APRIL 2023

**Sunday 2 April - PALM SUNDAY with Palm Cross Procession**

10:30am All Age Worship

**Tuesday 4 April**

7:00pm Compline for Holy Week

**Wednesday 5 April**

9:30am Holy Communion

**Thursday 6 April - MAUNDY THURSDAY**

7:00pm Holy Communion

**Friday 7 April**

10:00am **MESSY EASTER** Exploring Easter

**Saturday 8 April**

8:00pm Vigil & Service of Light

**Sunday 9 April - EASTER SUNDAY**

10:30 Holy Communion

**Wednesday 12 April**

9:30am Holy Communion

**Sunday 16 April**

10:30pm Easter Songs of Praise

6:00 pm Choral Evensong

**Wednesday 19 April**

9:30am Holy Communion

**Sunday 23 April**

10:30pm Holy Communion

6:00 pm Compline

**Wednesday 26 April**

9:30am Holy Communion

**Sunday 30 April**

10:30pm Matins

6:00 pm Taize Service



# Holy Trinity Church Ulley Services in APRIL

***Sunday 2 April - PALM SUNDAY***

*9:00am Holy Communion*

***Thursday 6 April - MAUNDY THURSDAY***

*6:30pm Holy Communion*

***Friday 7 April - GOOD FRIDAY***

*2:00pm Stations of the Cross*

***Sunday 9 April - EASTER DAY***

*10:30am Holy Communion*

***Sunday 16 April***

*10:30am Holy Communion*

***Sunday 23 April***

*10:30am Morning Worship*

***Sunday 30 April***

*10:30am Morning Worship*

## **WHO TO CONTACT AT HOLY TRINITY**

### **Church Wardens:**

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Sue Hubbard: 0114 287 3846, [suehermec@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:Baptism@gloriahope.uk)

**Funerals:** To arrange a Funeral please speak to

Gwyneth Hodgson: 0114 287 2150, [Gwyneth.sampson@outlook.com](mailto:Gwyneth.sampson@outlook.com)



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E-Mail [brecksowls@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:brecksowls@yahoo.co.uk)

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## Beware when the Choirs Meet

The Rectory  
St James the Least of All



My dear Nephew Darren,

You agonised recently over your ecumenical service: who should be invited? Who should preach? What about the order of service? If you had attended our recent combined churches' choir festival, your own dilemmas would have seemed a little less acute. At the pre-meeting, there was heated discussion about whether those choirs who normally wore robes would be comfortable standing among those who didn't. The more aesthetically sensitive worried whether St Agatha's pea green cassocks may clash with our red ones. Intending to be helpful, but phrasing it rather badly, someone suggested that the normally robed choirs should wear nothing. Colonel Wainwright was a little too quick to chuckle.

I began to wonder if a prize was to be awarded to the person who raised the greatest number of concerns: Should the choirs stay separate? Would the tenors be next to the altos or the basses? Where would extra seating be placed? Would the heating be on for the rehearsal? Then came what you would call the 'elephant in the room': of all the choirmasters, who would conduct and who play the organ? Tension mounted, and expressions grew grim. But before the committee started to dig trenches in my carpet and position howitzers under the desk, I briefly left the room, turned off all the electricity and claimed we'd had a power cut. This is a useful device for truculent committees; sadly, it can be used only rarely.

Come the day, an uneasy truce lasted while everyone adopted the traditional solution to disagreement within congregations, and simply did exactly what they wanted. Some were robed, some were not, some choirs congealed in their own huddles, while others joyfully sat next to people from other churches – mainly so they could point out their neighbour's wrong notes. Some sang in the right key, some sang in the wrong key, some sang what sounded like quite different songs altogether.

The service ended with one choir thinking that the organist had played too loudly, while another choir thought that the conductor wasn't up to much. Everyone agreed afterwards that we must do it again, while firmly stating that if their own choirmaster didn't conduct next year, they wouldn't be there.

Thankfully, one fundamental thing on the day united them: they all said that our church was too cold, and they all went down to the pub afterwards to warm up.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace



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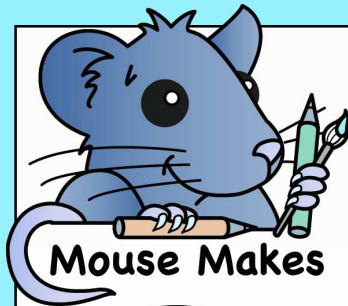
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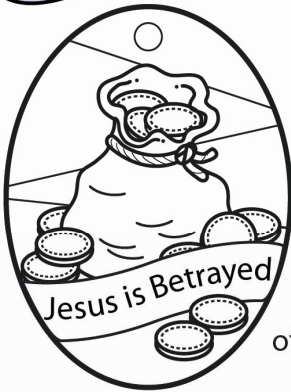
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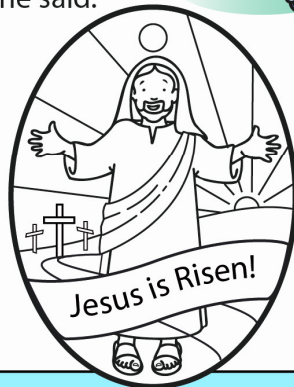
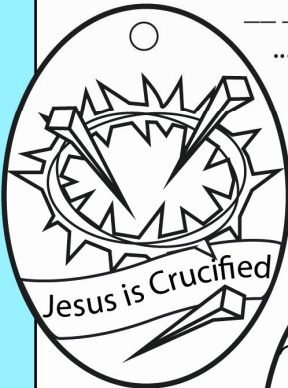




**HE IS RISEN!**  
Read the story of  
The Resurrection in  
*Matthew 28:1-20*



An \_\_\_\_\_  
of the Lord came down from  
\_\_\_\_\_ and going to the  
\_\_\_\_\_ rolled back the  
... the \_\_\_\_\_ said, "Do not be  
\_\_\_\_\_, for I know you are  
looking for Jesus who was  
\_\_\_\_\_, He is  
not here; he has \_\_\_\_\_,  
just as he said."



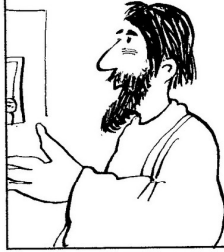
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Punch a hole at the  
top and hang up  
for Easter



# The doctor and the ill person

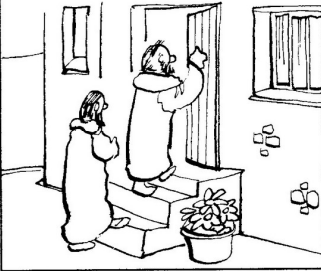


JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



ON ONE OCCASION JESUS CALLED MATTHEW - A TAX COLLECTOR TO BE HIS FOLLOWER.

JESUS EVEN WENT TO MATTHEW'S HOME.



THIS SET PEOPLE'S TONGUES WAGGING. THEY THOUGHT JESUS WAS LETTING THE SIDE DOWN!

BUT JESUS EXPLAINED THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO TALK TO EVERYONE!

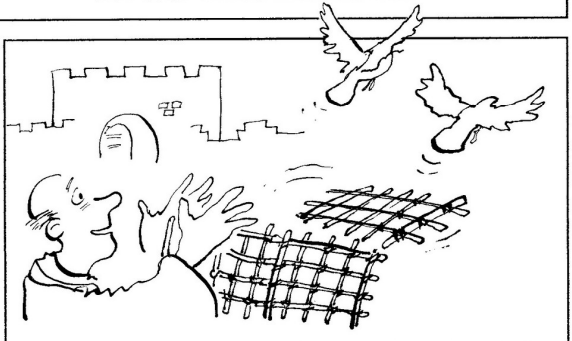


"PEOPLE WHO ARE WELL DO NOT NEED A DOCTOR"



"BUT ONLY THOSE WHO ARE SICK"

"IT IS KINDNESS THAT GOD WANTS"



"NOT ANIMAL SACRIFICES!" see Matthew Ch. 9 v.9-13



**Only Jesus**  
(John 19:17, 1:4)

Carrying the cross by Himself  
He went out.  
Sent out,  
Yet choosing to go.

Word of life,  
Choosing death,  
Knowing the end from the beginning,  
Carrying the cross by Himself  
He went out.

The only one who could,  
The only way He could,  
He went out  
To the Skull Place,  
For me.

*By Daphne Kitching*



## **A Plea to the Community of All Saints Church**

A warm welcome awaits you whenever you wish to visit our beautiful Grade 1 listed 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:glynsands@aol.com)

Church AdminAssistant : **Hazel Winstanley**

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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.

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**Tinned Fruit**

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**Tinned Vegetables**

**Packet Mashed Potatoes**

**Tinned Spaghetti**

**Snack Foods**

**Tinned Potatoes**

**Baked Beans**

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

APRIL 2023

|    |                 |                               |
|----|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| 2  | ALL AGE WORSHIP | Pam Taylor & Ann Mason        |
| 9  | HOLY COMMUNION  | Gill Ward & Glyn Sands        |
| 16 | MORNING WORSHIP | Bill Mawson & Pauline Martin  |
| 23 | HOLY COMMUNION  | Paul Moakes & Marjorie O'Neil |
| 30 | CHORAL MATINS   | Sheila Brown & Ann Mason      |

## ALL SAINTS CHURCH ASTON



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# COFFEE MORNING

In the Narthex

Every 2nd Friday  
of each month



**10:00am -12:00pm**



## 6 April - Maundy Thursday : Time to wash feet

Maundy Thursday is famous for two things. The first is one of the final acts that Jesus did before His death: the washing of His own disciples' feet (see John 13). Jesus washed His disciples' feet for a purpose: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." His disciples were to love through service, not domination, of one another.

In Latin, the opening phrase of this sentence is 'mandatum novum do vobis'. The word 'mundy' is thus a corruption of the Latin 'mandatum' (or command). The ceremony of the 'washing of the feet' of members of the congregation came to be an important part of the liturgy (regular worship) of the medieval church, symbolising the humility of the clergy, in obedience to the example of Christ.

But Thursday was also important because it was on that night that Jesus first introduced the Lord's Supper, or what we nowadays call Holy Communion.

Jesus and His close friends had met in a secret upper room to share the Passover meal together – for the last time. And there Jesus transformed the Passover into the Lord's Supper, saying, 'this is my body' and 'this is my blood' as He, the Lamb of God, prepared to die for the sins of the whole world. John's gospel makes it clear that the Last Supper took place the evening BEFORE the regular Passover meal, and that later Jesus died at the same time that the Passover lambs were killed.



At the Last Supper Jesus shocked His disciples by washing their feet. He did this as an example, to demonstrate to them that they should serve others with humility. Over the centuries, some churches have recreated this act of humility at a special service on Maundy Thursday.



## 7 April - Good Friday

Good Friday is the day on which Jesus died on the cross. He was crucified at 9 a.m. in the morning, and died six hours later, at 3pm. It is the most solemn day in the Christian year, and is widely marked by the removal of all decorations from churches. In Lutheran churches, the day was marked by the reading of the passion narrative in a gospel, a practice which lies behind the ‘passions’ composed by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750). Both the St Matthew Passion and the St John Passion have their origins in this observance of Good Friday.

The custom of observing a period of three hours’ devotion from 12 midday to 3 pm on Good Friday goes back to the 18th century. The ‘Three Hours of the Cross’ often take the form of an extended meditation on the ‘Seven Last Words from the Cross’, with periods of silence, prayer, or hymn-singing.

Luke’s account of the crucifixion (Luke 23:32-43) emphasises the mocking of the crowd, ‘If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself’ (35,37,39). In their view a Messiah does not hang on a cross and suffer. In considering the two men who were crucified with Jesus, we are also confronted with the issue of how Jesus secures salvation for us.

The words of one of those crucified with Jesus reflected the crowd’s taunts: ‘Aren’t you the Christ? Save yourself and us.’ He highlights the question of Jesus’ identity: how can He save others, when He cannot save Himself from death? He failed to see that the cross itself was the means of salvation.

So – what kind of Messiah was Jesus?

The other criminal’s response in his last moments is a moving expression of faith. When challenging the other man, he spoke of the utter injustice of the crucifixion: ‘this man has done nothing wrong.’ He perceived the truth that Jesus was indeed the Messiah. In a wonderful picture of grace, ‘remember me when You come into Your kingdom’, the second thief confessed his guilt and secured Jesus’ forgiveness and mercy.

In reply, Jesus promised the man life from the moment of death; ‘Today you will be with Me in paradise.’ Jesus used the picture of a walled garden to help the man understand His promise of protection and security in God’s love and acceptance eternally.

Each one of us has to choose how we react to Jesus on the cross. Do we want Him to ‘remember’ us when He comes into His kingdom, or not? If you were to die tonight, how confident would you be of going to be with Jesus? ‘For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God’ (1 Peter 3:18).





## 9 April - EASTER : The most joyful day of the year

Easter is the most joyful day of the year for Christians. Christ has died for our sins. We are forgiven. Christ has risen! We are redeemed! We can look forward to an eternity in His joy! Hallelujah!

The Good News of Jesus Christ is a message so simple that you can explain it to someone in a few minutes. It is so profound that for the rest of their lives they will still be ‘growing’ in their Christian walk with God.

Why does the date move around so much?

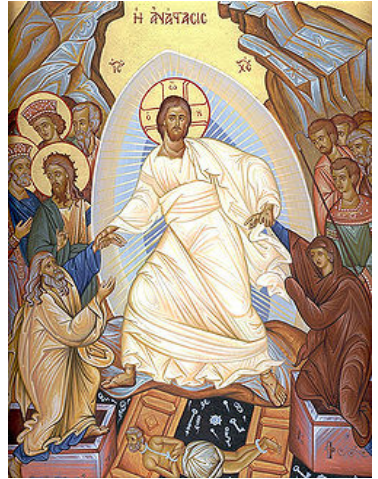
Because the date of Passover moves around, and according to the biblical account, Easter is tied to the Passover. Passover celebrates the Israelites’ exodus from Egypt, and it lasts for seven days, from the middle of the Hebrew month of Nisan, which equates to late March or early April.

Sir Isaac Newton was one of the first to use the Hebrew lunar calendar to come up with firm dates for the first Good Friday: Friday 7th April 30 AD or Friday 3rd April, 33 AD with Easter Day falling two days later. Modern scholars continue to think these two Fridays to be the most likely.

Most people will tell you that Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox, which is broadly true. But the precise calculations are complicated and involve something called an ‘ecclesiastical full moon’, which is not the same as the moon in the sky. The earliest possible date for Easter in the West is 22nd March, which last fell in 1818. The latest is 25th April, which last happened in 1943.

Why the name, ‘Easter’? In almost every European language, the festival’s name comes from ‘Pesach’, the Hebrew word for Passover. The Germanic word ‘Easter’, however, seems to come from Eostre, a Saxon fertility goddess mentioned by the Venerable Bede. He thought that the Saxons worshipped her in ‘Eostur month,’ but may have confused her with the classical dawn goddesses like Eos and Aurora, whose names mean ‘shining in the east’. So, Easter might have meant simply ‘beginning month’ – a good time for starting up again after a long winter.

Finally, why Easter eggs? On one hand, they are an ancient symbol of birth in most European cultures. On the other hand, hens start laying regularly again each Spring. Since eggs were forbidden during Lent, it’s easy to see how decorating and eating them became a practical way to celebrate Easter.





## A Wise Business

‘...let us all learn not to think the worse of good instructions even though we receive them from those who do not themselves altogether live up to them.’ Martin Manser was commenting upon ‘the wisdom of Solomon’. King Solomon, son of King David was famously given great wisdom and penned many proverbs encapsulating it. But he did not always display it in his personal life. He was apparently led astray by his 700 wives and 300 concubines but methinks he was also just a tad culpable himself...(!)

So it is with humility that I share some of the things learned over 35 years of ‘doing business’ in the hope that this will help others across Rotherham borough make the most of their own endeavours as employees or employers. Taking advice also requires humility, a good first lesson... I was a trainee (2 years) gained a general professional grounding (7 years), become a partner (14 years) started a new business in a different field (12 years and counting). Hopefully this provides useful perspective.

The most important period, after study (unavoidable in one form or another) is gaining a good general grounding. Once you have finished training you can start to really learn. Invest most time and effort in your strengths. If you don’t know what they are, ask someone you trust. Do not specialise too soon. A broad working knowledge of something, set in its proper context means you can then learn how to specialise. Otherwise, you can lose sight of the context you are working in and get overtaken by changes and events, finding you and/or your business in a dead end. Learning how to specialise enables you to learn new things move with the times and apply your true strengths.

Share your knowledge freely, without expectation. Going the extra mile makes you and your skill-set far more valuable than your hourly rate. This also applies to working with colleagues and employees. Helping others succeed in the business helps you by developing a virtuous circle. Everyone wins. Look to employ people who are better at what you do than you were when you were at their stage. They may move on but don’t fear that. Take it as a compliment. When people do stay your team is however more likely to be being built on genuine loyalty.

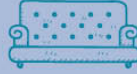
Spending quality working time with your people is wise. Listen carefully for pressure points, things which work and things which don’t. People like to get things they find difficult out of the way first in any discussion so talk first about Tasks in hand. Listen well and only then advise. Next ask them how the Team is working. Probe. If something is awry deal with it promptly. Finally ask how you can support them as an Individual. Typically, people like good access to training or a higher quality set of ‘tools for the job’ whatever they might be. Always focus on supporting people’s strengths. That is more productive than trying to fix every weakness in their work. You may need someone else to meet that business need...

**David Coldrick is owner of Home Instead Senior Care Rotherham 34 Moorgate Road S60 2AG. Telephone 01709 837170 [david.coldrick@homeinstead.co.uk](mailto:david.coldrick@homeinstead.co.uk) All views his own.**



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## Groups and Societies

### **YAS - Youth Club** (11-16years)

*Meets monthly in the Narthex of All Saints Church:  
6 to 8pm. Silly games, discussion, food and prayer .*



### **Aston Footpath Walkers Association**

*Local friendly walking every Thursday. Contact Mel Partridge on 0114 438 1493.*

### **Aston Ladies Circle**

*Meetings are at 7.15pm on Tuesday evenings in the Parish Hall or 'OUT' on trips.  
Contact Audrey Jones 0114 287 5518*

### **Aston-cum-Aughton History Group**

*Meetings on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month, 7 - 9pm, William Layne  
Reading Room, Aughton Lane, Aston. Visitors welcome.*

### **Aston-cum-Aughton Ladies Group**

*Meetings on the 3rd Monday of each month at 1.45pm in the Narthex at All  
Saints Church. New members / visitors welcome (small fee).  
Contact : Val on 0114 287 3214*

### **Chatterbox Activity Group**

*for pensioners, carers and over 55's. **See pg.23***

*Tuesdays 10am to 12.30, Central Methodist Church Hall, Lodge Lane, Aston. £2  
Transport available. Extra help always welcome. Contact Janet on 07989 370593*

### **Dinnington & District Horticultural Society**

*Evening talks in Anston Parish Hall, Ryton Road,  
North Anston S25 4DL*

*at 7.30pm. Non members £2.50.*

*For more details contact : 01909 567326.*



## Friends of Ulley Country Park

*Sunday Café: 11 am to 3 pm. Homemade refreshments including soup, crusty bread, coffee, tea, fruit cordials, cakes and scones. We hope to host a special event at each Café day. Details on the website.*

## 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](mailto:enquire5thage@outlook.com)*

## Prospects@Central

*An inclusive service with those with learning difficulties. All welcome!*

*We learn stories from the Bible, (sometimes acted out); sing songs together in worship and celebration and end with cake.*

*Swallownest Baptist Church 3rd Sunday of each month at 3pm.*

*Contacts : **Malcolm 07720 776081** or **Elizabeth 07594 410801***

## Little Angels

*Playgroup for babies and pre-school children at All Saints Church, Aston Term-time every Monday 9.30 - 11.00am in Term time and every Thursday 9:30 - 11:00am at Holy Trinity Ulley in Term Time.*

*Admission FREE, but donations welcome*

*Contact : **Gloria Hope 07553 504806** or [gloria@gloriahope.uk](mailto:gloria@gloriahope.uk)*



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## Sir John Melton



In the chancel of All Saints Church, Aston is a brass inscription to Sir John Melton, surmounted by two coats of arms. These were originally attached to his tombstone, which was found embedded in the north aisle wall during restoration work in 1961. On its surface were three recesses, the same shape and size as the brasses. The wording on the brass says:

Of yor charite pray for the soule of Sr John  
Melton Knyght which decessed the 17 day of  
July the yere of or lord mdx and the seconde  
yere of the reigne of king Henry the viii  
On whose soule thou have mercy amen

This marriage marked the end of the Meltons and the beginning of the Darcys at Aston, who lived here through nine generations until the death of John lord Darcy in 1635. Many of those who fought on the Yorkist side were punished, some severely, but fortunately John kept his life and his estates, possibly because he had married Alice Stanley, a younger daughter of Sir John Stanley. The Stanleys fought on Bosworth Field in support of Henry Tudor.

Sir John died in 1511 and was succeeded by his son John who married Catherine daughter of Sir Hugh Hastings of Fenwick, South Yorkshire. They had no son, just one daughter, Dorothy, born in 1509, who was his heir. Sir John arranged a marriage between Dorothy and George Darcy and the contract was signed at Aston on 26<sup>th</sup> March 1521.



George was the son and heir of Thomas lord Darcy of Temple Newsam, who was beheaded in 1538 by Henry VIII for being involved in the rebellion in the north over the dissolution of the monasteries, called the Pilgrimage of Grace.

George's marriage to Dorothy restored the fortunes of the House of Darcy. She brought with her the manors of Killom, Swine, Aston, Carleton, Owstwick and Hatfield in Yorkshire with 40 messuages, 60 cottages, 4000 acres of arable, 3000 acres of pasture, 2000 acres of moorland, 500 acres of meadow, 100 acres of wood, with properties in Killom, Swine, Aston, Aughton, Hardwick, Waleswood, Brookhouse, Whiston, Carlton, Catwick, Austwick and Hatfield and finally, an acre of land in Hooton Roberts. Later, his title of Lord Darcy was reinstated.

Sir John was born in 1455 and died in 1511. He was the great great great great grandson of Sir William Melton, nephew and heir to William Melton, Archbishop of York, who bought the Aston Estate and built a new manor house at Aston in 1317. Archbishop William added the chancel and porch to Aston Church. He died in April 1340, a very wealthy man, and was buried in the north aisle of the nave in York Minster.

On his uncle's death, Sir William Melton received a very large inheritance that included the manors of Aston, Kilham, Owstwick and Towton and land in North Milford and Sherburn, all in Yorkshire. Also properties in Nottinghamshire and Hampshire. He later acquired estates in Cotness, Fenton, Wilton, Whiston, Laughton and other parts of Yorkshire.

The Meltons lived at Aston through several generations and they were prominent in the county, serving as High Sheriffs of Yorkshire, Members of Parliament and marrying well.

During the Wars of the Roses, fought between 1455 and 1485, the Meltons supported Richard III and Sir John Melton fought at the Battle of Bosworth Field on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1485 when King Richard III was killed and Henry Tudor, Earl of Richmond, became King Henry VII. This battle marked the end of the Wars of the Roses, apart from a few skirmishes. John is said to have laid the first stone of the chapel in Towton that Richard III intended to build commemorating the dead of the battle of Towton.

Ann Key Secretary,  
Aston-cum-Aughton History Group.



## Prayer Before Sleep

Dear God, as I lay down to sleep,  
relax the tensions of my body;  
Calm the restlessness of my mind;  
Still the thoughts which worry and perplex me.

Help me to rest myself and all my problems  
in your strong and loving arms.

Let your Spirit speak to my mind and heart while I am asleep,  
so that, when I wake up in the morning,  
I may find that I have received in the night-time,

**Light** for my way;

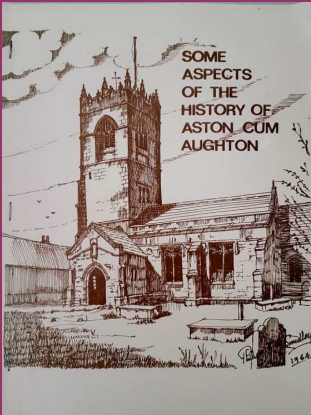
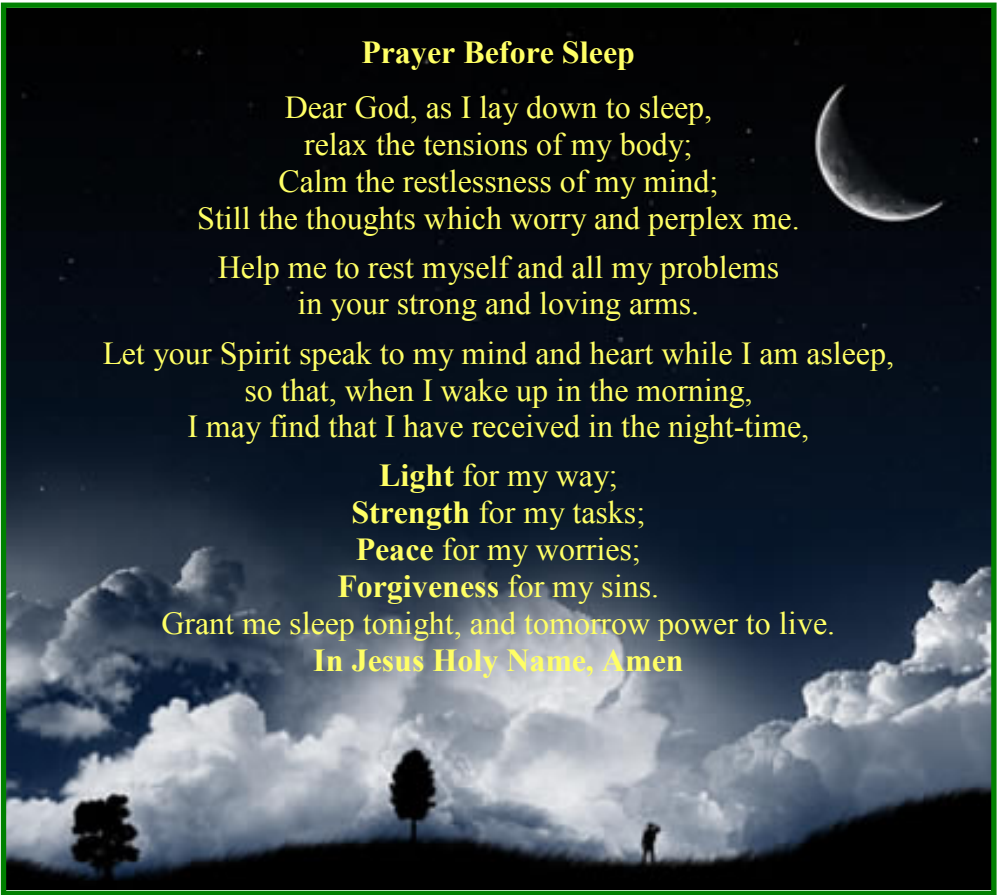
**Strength** for my tasks;

**Peace** for my worries;

**Forgiveness** for my sins.

Grant me sleep tonight, and tomorrow power to live.

**In Jesus Holy Name, Amen**



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“Oh woman, why this weeping?  
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Oh woman, cease your weeping  
And lay aside your fears!”

“They’ve borne away my Master!  
And laid Him who knows where;  
His tomb is standing empty,  
And He’s no longer there.”

“Oh Sir, please will you tell me  
Where you have laid Him now?  
For you can surely tell me  
What they have done, and how;

Yes how may I now find Him  
And for His body care?  
For I will truly care for Him  
If you’ll but show me where?”

He said to her, “My Mary!”  
She turned and met His eye  
She cried with joy, “My Master!”  
For she at last knew why

The tomb behind was empty  
And why no body lay –  
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