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On the Perils of Harvest

The Rectory
St James the Least of All



My dear nephew Darren,

In the unlikely event of ever being put in charge of designing the course for those being trained for ordination, I would make a few significant changes. Modules on doctrine, Church history and Greek would all be dropped as unnecessary. In their place, I would add courses on how to run a tight jumble sale, ways to keep your church council in order – and especially close to my heart at present, how to negotiate Harvest.

The first skirmish starts in early Summer when it becomes clear that the flower arrangers' plans mean that the choir would disappear behind a huge array of chrysanthemums. The choir then retaliate by announcing that their Harvest anthem must take place just when the Sunday School intended to re-enact the parable of the Good Samaritan. They, in turn, raise the stakes by insisting that a stage will be needed for their performance, thus ensuring that I will be separated from the congregation by an impenetrable barricade.

In September, therefore, there is the traditional meeting to iron out all these little difficulties. This inevitably results with the annual act of the verger handing in his resignation, of the bell ringers threatening a mass walk-out, and those who organise coffee afterwards demanding that my sermon lasts no more than three minutes, so there will be plenty of time for socialising after the Service.

I greet all suggestions with a spontaneous burst of indifference, smile, agree with it all – and do nothing (this, incidentally, is a good policy for all decision-making). Inevitably, everything goes ahead exactly as it has always done for the last century.

Come the day, there will be the usual arrangement of eggs round the font, with the strategically placed card saying 'Given anonymously by Elsie Jones' and the pyramid of apples temptingly near the choirboys, so designed that when someone tries to pinch one during the sermon, the whole pile disintegrates as they roll all over the chancel.

On the following Friday, all will leave after the Harvest Supper saying that the entertainment was worse than the previous year and that the absence of red cabbage had quite ruined the hot pot. Everyone therefore has had an enjoyable evening.

My Harvest training course would be compulsory and a pass mark of 90% would be needed before ordination could be considered.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace



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Sunday 1 October

10:30am All Age Worship - THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Wednesday 4 October

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 8 October

10:30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 11 October

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 15 October

10:30am Morning Worship

6:00pm Choral Evensong - REV CANON MIRANDA HAYES

Wednesday 18 October

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 22 October

10:30am Holy Communion

6:00pm Sung Compline

Wednesday 25 October

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 29 October

10:30am Choral Matins

6:00pm TAIZE Service



Holy Trinity Church Ulley Services in OCTOBER

Sunday 1 October

9:00am Holy Communion

Sunday 8 October

10:30am Morning Worship

Sunday 15 October

10:30am Holy Communion - HARVEST

Sunday 22 October

10:30am Morning Worship

Sunday 29 October

10:30am Morning Worship

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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.

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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.

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The Good Samaritan

JERICO

ONCE, A LAWYER TRIED TO TRICK JESUS WITH A CLEVER QUESTION.



...WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR?

JESUS REPLIED BY TELLING THE LAWYER A STORY.



A MAN WENT FROM JERUSALEM TO JERICO. ON THE WAY...

HE WAS ATTACKED BY ROBBERS!!



HELP!

THEY TOOK EVERYTHING HE HAD AND LEFT HIM FOR DEAD!



LATER A PRIEST PASSED BY, BUT DID NOTHING TO HELP - NOR DID THE RELIGIOUS MAN FROM A TEMPLE!

BUT A MAN FROM A FOREIGN COUNTRY STOPPED TO HELP THE INJURED MAN. HE DRESSED THE MAN'S WOUNDS AND EVEN PAID FOR HIM TO STAY AT AN INN.



JESUS THEN ASKED "WHO WAS THE NEIGHBOUR?"

- PRIEST
- TEMPLE MAN
- FOREIGN MAN

WHICH DO YOU THINK WAS THE ONE THE LAWYER CHOSE?



God our Help

With floods and storms thus we be tossed,
Awake, good Lord, to Thee we cry.
Our ship is almost sunk and lost.
Thy mercy help our misery.

Man's strength is weak; man's wit is dull:
Man's reason's blind. These things to amend,
Thy hand, O Lord, of might is full;
Awake betime, and help us send.

In Thee we trust, and in no wight:
Save us as chickens under the hen.
Our crookedness Thou canst make right
Glory to Thee for aye. Amen.

Anonymous, 17th century



ROTA FOR SIDESPEOPLE

OCTOBER 2023

1	ALL AGE WORSHIP	Sheila Brown & Ann Mason
8	HOLY COMMUNION	Glyn Sands & Gill Ward
15	MORNING WORSHIP	Bill Mawson & Pauline Martin
22	HOLY COMMUNION	Paul Moakes & Marjorie O'Neil
29	MATINS	Gill Ward & Pam Taylor

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7:00pm SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2023

Preacher : Rev Canon Miranda Hayes



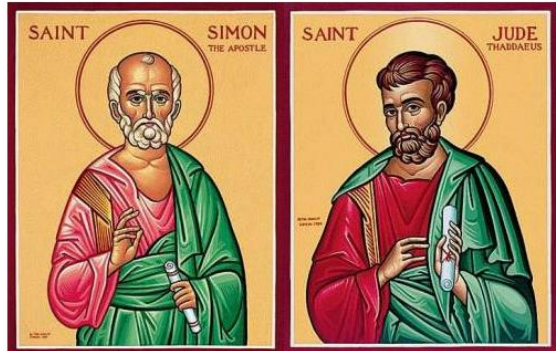
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THE ROYAL SCHOOL OF CHURCH MUSIC

28th October : Simon and Jude—Warnings against Moral Infections

Jude the apostle and martyr (1st century) warns us in his epistle that not all ‘evil’ comes in the form of obvious ghosties and ghoulies. He writes instead to warn the Christians of the greater danger of people who infect others with heresy and moral failure. He writes that they are nothing more than *“blemishes on your love-feasts.....feeding themselves. They are waterless clouds carried along by the winds; autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, uprooted; wild waves of the sea, casting up the foam of their own shame, wandering stars, for whom the deepest darkness has been reserved forever.”*



Such dangerous people can be frightening, but Jude also encourages his readers to remember *“...him who is able to keep you from falling and to make you stand without blemish in the presence of his glory with rejoicing...the only God our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power and authority, before all time, now and forever...”*

According to Western tradition, Jude and Simon went to preach the gospel in Persia, where both were martyred.



18th October : St Luke the Evangelist



To St Luke, a Gentile, we owe the beautifully written Gospel of Luke, and the Book of Acts. He was a Greek physician, a disciple of St Paul, a companion on some of his missionary journeys, and an inspired writer.

Luke's gospel focuses on the compassion of Christ. His gospel contains some of the most moving parables, such as the Good Samaritan and Prodigal Son. This, with his emphasis on poverty, prayer and purity of heart, make up much of his appeal to the Gentiles, for whom he wrote.

Women figure more prominently in Luke's gospel than any other: look out for the extended story of the Virgin Birth, and stories of Mary, Elizabeth, and the woman who was a sinner.

In Acts, Luke is remarkably good at linking sacred and profane history, as subsequent archaeology has shown. A principal theme of his Acts is how the early Christians moved away from Jerusalem into the pagan world, and especially on to Rome.

Luke is the patron saint of doctors, surgeons and artists (due to his picturesque style of writing). His symbol is an ox, sometimes explained by reference to the sacrifice in the Temple at the beginning of his Gospel. In England 28 ancient churches were dedicated to him.



6 FACTS ABOUT ST LUKE

He was a medical Practitioner

He never met Jesus in person

He wrote the third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles

He was a frequent companion of St Paul

His iconography of an Ox signifies Strength, Reliability and Service to Mankind

He was an Artist and Iconographer



31st October : All Hallows Eve - or Holy Evening

Modern Halloween celebrations have their roots with the Celtic peoples of pre-Christian times.

In those long-ago days, on the last night of October, the Celts celebrated the Festival of Samhain, or 'Summer's End'. The priests, or Druids, performed ceremonies to thank and honour the sun. For there was a very dark side to all this: Samhain also signalled the onset of winter, a time when it was feared that unfriendly ghosts, nature-spirits, and witches roamed the earth, creating mischief. So the Druid priests lit great bonfires and performed magic rites to ward off or appease these dark supernatural powers.



Then the Romans arrived, and brought their Harvest Festival which honoured the Goddess Pomona with gifts of apples and nuts. The two festivals slowly merged. When Christianity arrived still later, it began to replace the Roman and Druid religions. 1st November – All Saints' Day – was dedicated to all Christian Martyrs and Saints who had died. It was called 'All Hallows' Day'. The evening before became an evening of prayer and preparation and was called 'All Hallows' Eve', The Holy Evening, later shortened to 'Halloween'.

For many centuries, however, fear of the supernatural remained strong. During the Middle Ages, animal costumes and frightening masks were worn to ward off the evil spirits of darkness on Halloween. Magic words and charms were used to keep away bad luck, and everybody believed that witches ride about on broomsticks. Fortune telling was popular, and predicting the future by the use of nuts and apples was so popular that Halloween is still sometimes known as Nutcrack Night or Snap-Apple Night.

Today, Christians have learned to turn to prayer instead of charms to overcome the powers of darkness. And the deeper, true meaning of All Hallows' Eve, should not be forgotten. As Christians, we all draw closer to Christ when we remember and give thanks for our loved ones and for others who have gone before us through the gates of death.



The Deepest Freeze

Some readers will recall the infamous winters of 1947 and 1962. More recently there was December 2010 when 15 inches or more inches of snow blanketed our region. In South Anston 100 drivers took refuge in the Methodist Church and elsewhere as the A57 was blocked along with many smaller roads.

The Great Freeze of 1709 was the worst winter in the last 300 years or so. It famously occurred during the sustained low sunspot activity known as ‘the Maunder Minimum’ (1645-1715) but it may have had other causes such as volcanic dust. In any event it was an epic, history changing, disaster.

The Reverend W. Derham Rector of Upminster in his paper for the Royal Society stated: ‘I believe this frost was greater (if not more universal also) than any other within the memory of man’. He had previously witnessed the ‘Long Frost’ of 1683 so he should know. In 1683 the ‘whole waters’ of the river Thames froze and ‘tis well known, many booths [market stalls] were erected, fires made and meat dressed [cooked], and on January 10th 1684 I myself saw a coach and two horses drive over the river into Southwark, and back again, a great number of people accompanying it...’ But as the Rector noted the impact the 1709 frost struck all of Britain and Europe simultaneously, on the long night of January 5th, freezing it solid until spring.

Sweden was a great power whose empire stretched around the Baltic, including Finland, much of Norway, chunks of modern Germany and neighbouring states. It had even colonised ‘New Sweden’ on the Delaware in North America with other possessions on the West African Coast. It’s king Charles XII was trying to invade Russia during the winter of 1709 (you have to admire his confidence!) but the extreme blizzards and frost killed over 2000 of his soldiers on just one night. They ill-advisedly, left camp whilst the Russians stayed safely around their campfires. Such losses meant the Swedish army was defeated and Sweden’s Empire never recovered. The direction of European history had abruptly changed.

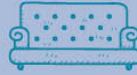
France was cruelly cold. Rivers as far south as Marseilles froze whilst tree trunks shattered like glass and church bells fractured. France lost 600,000 in the ensuing famine (3% of its population) and many thousands decided to emigrate from Germany where even the hot springs at Aachen iced up. The Baltic between Denmark and Sweden could still be crossed by foot or horse until April whilst Venetians saw their protective lagoon solidify.

We don’t know precisely how Rotherham folk fared in 1709 but they would have needed a lot of firewood! It’s not winter yet and we definitely don’t want the drama of 1709 this year. But we are currently in a ‘Grand Solar Minimum’ where the weather is typically unpredictable so who knows? Make sure you get pre-winter checks done on the central heating system, fix any loose slates, and don’t even think about putting off that car service again... Buy in some wholesome pies just in case. Frozen ones...



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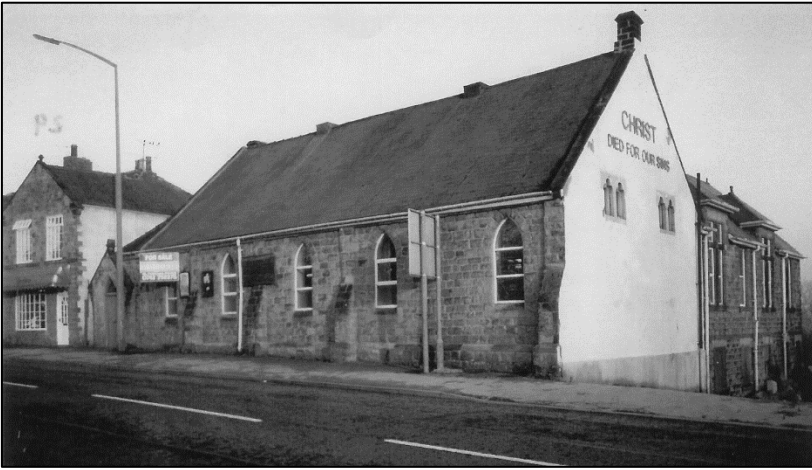
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STORY OF SWALLOWNEST (Part 2)

The following was published in the Rotherham Advertiser on the 9th July 1938.



Swallownest Methodist Church on Rotherham Road.

Mrs. Ward's Conversion

The Church was, and still is, on the upland at Aston, but with the increase of population at Swallownest came the desire for a place of worship. There was a strong Puritanical strain among the men of that time, and they wanted a religious service in which they could take an active and not a passive part. Funds were not forthcoming immediately, however.

In the year 1834, the Rev. Robert Atkin, a then well-known "Revivalist" was holding a series of services in Carver Street Chapel, Sheffield. A John Ward, son of Jonathan, also a cattle dealer, at this time kept a public-house in Swallownest and one result of the services was Mrs. Ward's "conversion". As a result of her conversion, there came the Swallownest Chapel.

Taproom v. Kitchen

She coaxed her husband to allow them to hold services in the public house and while John dispensed spiritous consolation to his customers in the taproom, the Methodist lay preachers of that time dispensed spiritual consolation in the kitchen to their listeners. It must have been an odd arrangement but it enabled the Methodists of the village to gather together and to form themselves gradually into a solid band of workers. Although as clay in the hands of his good wife, John does not appear to have been quite at ease with the preaching in his house. If it became too fervent, he may have indulged in pessimistic forecasts of reduced profits. At all events, too much talk of the devil upset him. He is said to "have shown signs of disapprobation". When "hell" was mentioned, he was especially annoyed. He would walk about during the exhortations and, in the event of this not toning down the preachers' language, would cry out "There! There! That's plenty".



The First Chapel

Eventually the worshippers migrated from the back kitchen of the public house to the front parlour of the house of Mr. Thomas Tempril. As the congregations grew, their determination to own a chapel of their own grew also. Miss Ward persuaded her father to assist the project. She herself went soliciting subscriptions everywhere. Over £50 was collected and eventually a new chapel or schoolhouse was started near the end of 1847. The Rev James Everitt of York, opened the chapel in the May of the following year. In 1874 an enlargement took place and since that time there have been other great changes until the present position was reached. Doubtless in the future there will be further changes still.

The names of Mr. Wm. Walker, Mr. Grayson, Mr. Bingham, the Wards, Mr. J. Rodger Smith, who subsequently entered the Methodist Ministry in Australia, and Mrs. Hutton (formerly a Ward), the Rev. W. H. Harrison (now in Australia), will be well known to the Methodists. They and others helped to keep alive the Methodist spirit during many dark days. During the time the chapel was in the Chesterfield circuit its membership went down to five only – before the year was out one member, Mr. George Butterel, passed away and the number was four.

Indifference Conquered

At one time matters were at so low an ebb that the then Rector of Aston proposed to buy the building and to take it over for church work – but the little band determined that this should not be. They fought the prevailing indifference and pulled the cause together.

Thirty years ago the Methodists found the enlarged building of 1874 altogether too small to accommodate the members and so they built a new schoolroom for 200 scholars and, in addition, provided two large vestries. A screen dividing the chapel from the schoolroom was taken down during the alterations and the whole thrown into one building. All the pews, as well as the pulpit, were reversed and the chapel was connected with the new building by the removal of the gable end. A temporary division was made between the chapel and school by means of a wood and glazed partition.

That is the story of Swallownest up to about 30 years ago. Changes almost as great have been made since then and the number of places of worship has been increased. One thing can be said of the village, that it has marched with the times and if Nonconformity has not made it what it is today, at least the two have grown together.

Ann Key
Secretary, Aston-cum-Aughton History Group



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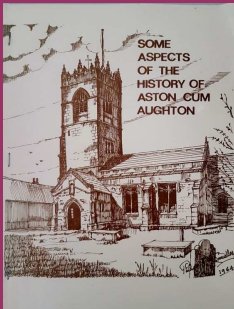
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Falling Leaves

Fall, leaves, fall; die, flowers, away;
Lengthen night and shorten day;
Every leaf speaks bliss to me
Fluttering from the autumn tree.



From a poem by Emily Bronte (1818-48)



Aston-cum-Aughton History Group

meet in the Reading Room on
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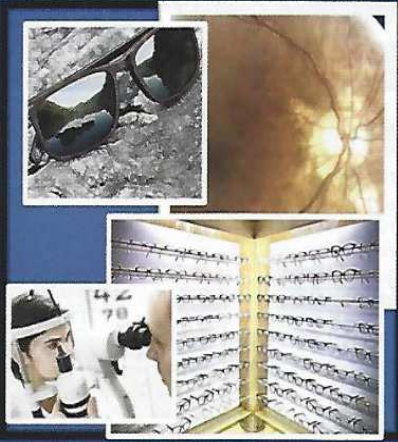
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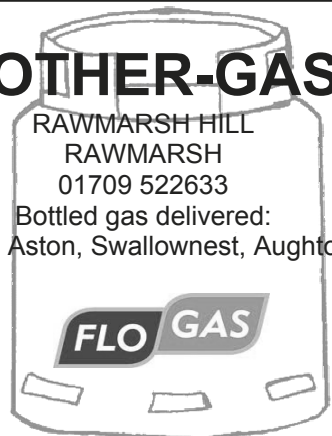
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