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### On why pews should be uncomfortable

The Rectory St James the Least of All

My dear nephew Darren,



Visits from your parishioners to our church are always welcome. But I did not expect them to return to you complaining because our pews are uncomfortable.

Pews are meant to be uncomfortable. The unshakeable belief of our congregation is that the more uncomfortable the pew, the holier the worship must be. By the same token, an 8am Service is more fervent than one at 11am, since it is much more socially inconvenient. If you add on enduring sub-zero temperatures and damp, then sainthood clearly beckons. Your people may be used to lolling in upholstered chairs in tropical temperatures, but I am sure such comfort places their souls in grave peril.

Our pews were built 500 years ago, when people were several inches shorter and many pounds lighter, and so could accommodate themselves on them perfectly adequately. The fact that a twenty-first century body is in constant danger of sliding off the seat and requires knees to be folded somewhere near ears at least helps to keep minds focussed – apart from Colonel Wainwright, who still manages to sleep peacefully throughout Matins every Sunday.

I could point out that your chairs make kneeling almost impossible – although I suspect that posture is not encouraged in your church, as people would then be unable to read the words on your overhead projector or wave their arms about quite as easily during the hymns. While the majority of our congregation find the Anglican crouch perfectly adequate, you can see those who flop to their knees on hearing "let us pray" from the clouds of dust sent up from suddenly compressed hassocks, which were purchased to commemorate Queen Victoria's Accession.

I may also point out that our box pews are very useful for modern times. Once a family is seated, with the door firmly shut, then any toddler is penned in and unable to use the aisles as a racing circuit. Medieval carpenters were clearly forward-thinking people. Admittedly, box pew doors do tend to stick, and few manage to look dignified while they wait for step ladders to be brought before they can climb out.

If only you would remove your chairs and substitute benches without backs, turn off all heating and replace carpets with slate slabs, I am sure your congregation's religious zeal would soar.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

### ALL SAINTS ASTON SERVICES IN MARCH 2024

#### Sunday 3 March

10:30am All Age Worship

#### Wednesday 6 March

9:30am Holy Communion

#### Sunday 10 March - MOTHERING SUNDAY

10:30am Holy Communion

#### Wednesday 13 March

9:30am Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes

### Sunday 17 March

10:30amMorning Worship6:00pmSung Compline

#### Wednesday 20 March

9:30am Holy Communion

#### Sunday 24 March - PALM SUNDAY

10:30amHoly Communion6:00pmChoral Evensong

#### **Tuesday 26 March**

7:00pm TAIZE

#### Wednesday 27 March

9:30am Holy Communion

### Thursday 28 March - MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00pm Holy Communion at St PETER & St PAUL TODWICK

#### Friday 29 March - GOOD FRIDAY

2:00pm Stations of the Cross at HOLY TRINITY ULLEY

#### Saturday 30 March - HOLY SATURDAY

7:00pm Easter Vigil

### Sunday 31 March - EASTER SUNDAY

10:30am Holy Communion



### Holy Trinity Church Ulley Services in MARCH

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Sunday 3 March 9:00am Holy Communion Sunday 10 March - MOTHERING SUNDAY 10:30am Morning Worship

> Sunday 17 March 10:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 24 March - PALM SUNDAY 10:30am Morning Worship

Friday 29 March - GOOD FRIDAY 2:00pm Stations of the Cross

Sunday 31 March - EASTER SUNDAY 10:30am Holy Communion

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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 main-tenance 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  $\pm 1.00$  donation you give attracts 25p from the government, which as you can understand is of great help to us.

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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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### I wandered Lonely as a Cloud

I wandered lonely as a cloud That floats on high o'er vales and hills, When all at once I saw a crowd, A host of golden daffodils; Beside the lake, beneath the trees, Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine And twinkle on the milky way, They stretched in never-ending line Along the margin of the bay: Ten thousand saw I at a glance Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced: but they Out-did the sparkling waves in glee: A poet could not be but gay, In such a jocund company: I gazed - and gazed - but little thought What wealth the show to me had brought.

For oft, when on my couch I lie In vacant or in pensive mood, They flash upon that inward eye Which is the bliss of solitude; And then my heart with pleasure fills, And dances with the daffodils.

> By William Wordsworth 7 April 1770 - 23 April 1850

### ALL SAINTS CHURCH ASTON

### **ROTA FOR SIDESPEOPLE**

### MARCH 2024

- 3 ALL AGE WORSHP
- 10 HOLY COMMUNION
- 17 MORNING WORSHIP
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- 31 EASTER SUNDAY

Pauline Martin & Marjorie O'Neil Pam Taylor & Ann Mason Gill Ward & Glyn Sands Bill Mawson & Paul Moakes Sheila Brown & Ann Mason



### WEDDINGS AT ASTON ALL SAINTS CHURCH IN 2023

Many congratulations to all the couples who were married at our lovely church in 2023. The weather behaved itself for most of the weddings. We do try our very best to have blue skies and sunshine - but can't always provide them! We did have a 'snow' wedding this year but thanks to a dedicated group of choir members a path was cleared for the couple and their guests. Believe it or not after the service when the photographs were being taken outside the church the sun was shining and there was a blue sky - but also plenty of snow on the ground. - A wonderful opportunity to have some photographs taken to capture memories to treasure.

Our Christmas wedding was equally as memorable. The tree and decorations were in church and the couple brought in some more lovely decorations of their own. With Christmas just around the corner it was a time of 'being away from everything else' and just being part of a wedding in a beautiful 12th Century church where couples have been married for centuries.

The music provided by our organist and choir really does enhance any wedding. They lead the singing of the hymns and will also sing during the signing of the registers so the guests can just relax, sit back and enjoy the singing.



On reflection it was a good year for weddings at All Saints. We've met some lovely people, made some good friends and hopefully along the way we've helped the weddings to run smoothly.

Please get in touch with us if you need any more information. E-mail weddings.astonallsaints@gmail.com or Phone 07934 101538

### 10th March : Mothering Sunday and Mother Church

There is an old Jewish saying: God could not be everywhere, and therefore He made mothers.

Mother Church, Mother Earth, Mother of the Gods – our human mothers – all of them have been part of the celebration of 'Mothering Sunday' – as the fourth Sunday in Lent is affectionately known. It has been celebrated in the UK since at least the 16th century.



In Roman times, great festivals were held every Spring to honour Cybele, Mother of all the Gods. Other pagan festivals in honour of Mother Earth were also celebrated. With the arrival of Christianity, the festival became one honouring Mother Church.

During the Middle Ages, young people apprenticed to craftsmen or working as 'live-in' servants were allowed only one holiday a year on which to visit their families – which is how 'Mothering Sunday' got its name. This special day became a day of family rejoicing, and the Lenten fast was broken. In some places the day was called Simnel Day, because of the sweet cakes called simnel cakes traditionally eaten on that day.

In recent years the holiday has changed and in many ways now resembles the American Mother's Day, with families going out to Sunday lunch and generally making a fuss of their mother on the day.

The Fourth Sunday in Lent was called 'Mid-Lent' or 'Refreshment Sunday', when the rigors of Lent were relaxed more than was normal for a feast day. It is called Mothering Sunday as a reference to the Epistle reading for the Day (Galatians 4:21-31). The Lenten Epistles follow from each other with teaching about our life as Christians and how we are to follow Christ.

On Mid-Lent Sunday the Epistle talks of bondage and freedom; the bondage of the Law and the Old Covenant as compared to the freedom in Christ, "the promised one", and the New Covenant. Verse 26 reads "But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all." We gain our freedom from Christ and, as it was seen before the Reformation, the Church.

Thus, Mothering Sunday is about the freedom that we gain through the promise of Jesus Christ delivered through our Mother the Church. People were encouraged to go to their 'Mother Church' (their home church or their home Cathedral) to worship and give thanks. Hence apprentices, and others, went home for the weekend and often brought gifts (or accumulated pay) home to their family.

On the other hand, Mother's Day is a secular festival invented in 1904 and is celebrated on the 2nd Sunday in May in most countries in the world. The UK seems to be the exception. In recent years Mothering Sunday has been hijacked to take the place of a special, secular day to give thanks for our mothers.

### 24th - 31st March : Palm Sunday and Holy Week

The events of Easter took place over a week, traditionally called Passion Week. It began on Palm Sunday. After all His teaching and healing, Jesus had built a following. On the Sunday before He was to die, Jesus and His followers arrived at Jerusalem. The city was crowded. Jewish people were arriving from to celebrate Passover. This commemorates how they had escaped from slavery in Egypt nearly 1,500 year earlier.

Jesus rode into the city on a young donkey. He was greeted like a conquering hero. Cheering crowds waved palm branches in tribute. He was hailed as the Messiah who had come to re-establish a Jewish kingdom.

The next day they returned to Jerusalem. Jesus went to the temple, the epicentre of the Jewish faith, and confronted the money-changers and merchants who were ripping off the people. He overturned their tables and accused them of being thieves. The religious authorities were alarmed and feared how He was stirring up the crowds.

On the Tuesday, they challenged Jesus, questioning His authority. He answered by challenging and condemning their hypocrisy. Later that day Jesus spoke to His disciples about future times. He warned them about fake religious leaders; the coming destruction of Jerusalem; wars, earthquakes and famines; and how His followers would face persecution. By midweek the Jewish religious leaders and elders were so angry with Jesus that they began plotting to arrest and kill Him. One of Jesus' disciples, Judas, went to the chief priests and agreed to betray Him to them.

Jesus and the 12 disciples gathered on the Thursday evening to celebrate the Passover meal. This is known as the Last Supper. During the evening, Jesus initiated a ritual still marked by Christians – Holy Communion – which commemorates His death. Jesus broke bread and shared it and a cup of wine with His disciples.

Judas then left to meet the other plotters. Jesus continued to teach the others and then went outside into an olive grove to pray. He even prayed for all future believers. He agonised over what was to come but chose the way of obedience. The Bible book, Luke, records Him praying, 'Father if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will but yours be done'. Minutes later Judas arrived with soldiers and the chief priests and Jesus was arrested.





#### 31st March : 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.

#### Antigonish

Yesterday, upon the stair, I met a man who wasn't there! He wasn't there again today, Oh how I wish he'd go away!"

When I came home last night at three, The man was waiting there for me But when I looked around the hall, I couldn't see him there at all! Go away, go away, don't you come back any more! Go away, go away, and please don't slam the door...

> Last night I saw upon the stair, A little man who wasn't there, He wasn't there again today Oh, how I wish he'd go away...

> > William Hughes Mearns

Hughes Mearns (1875-1965) was an American educator and poet. Antigonish is a town in Nova Scotia Canada where a ghost was said to roam the stairs of a haunted house. This poem composed as a song in 1899, was originally part of a play written by Mearns called The Psycho-ed. The poem was first published as 'Antigonish'in 1922

'The poem resonates with someone who has lost himself, someone who remembers how he was, but, remembering, causes pain as, remembering how he was reminds him of what has been lost, the ghost of his past....... don't come back again.' - April 2017



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#### THE HEARTH TAX 1662-1688

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After the demise of Oliver Cromwell and the Parliamentarians in 1660, King Charles II was restored to the throne. The new Government voted the King an annual income of  $\pounds 1.2$  million to run the country, but this proved to be insufficient. They needed to raise another  $\pounds 300,000$  and in 1662 the Hearth Tax, sometimes called "the Chimney Tax", was levied. Unfortunately, it never raised this amount and it was abandoned after the 1688 revolution when King James II fled to France and William of Orange and his wife Mary were proclaimed King and Oueen of England.

Every householder with property worth 20 shillings or more and who was not exempted by poverty was liable to pay 2 shillings per annum for every fire, hearth or stove in his house. One shilling was collected at Michaelmas (29<sup>th</sup> September) and one shilling on Lady Day (25<sup>th</sup> March).

At the time of the 1672 return, four collectors were appointed for the Wapentake of Strafforth and Tickhill, what is now essentially South Yorkshire, and they asked the local constables of each parish to calculate and collect the tax. The Collector for Aston-cum-Aughton was Robert Benit and the local Constable was James Hobson. The constables had the right of entry to check any query about the number of hearths in a property and they received two pence in the pound of the money collected "for their considerable trouble".

In Aston and Aughton there were 66 households and a total of 148 hearths. Eleven of these were listed as poor and therefore did not pay the tax. This left 137 hearths at 2 shillings each, making a total of 274 shillings ( $\pounds$ 13.14s.)

The Hon. Conyers Darcy had 27 hearths in Aston Hall and so paid £2.14s. Two households had more than eight hearths, one had seven, two had six, two had four, six had three hearths and thirteen had two hearths. This left 23 who had one hearth. Anyone with more than seven hearths was regarded as being part of the wealthy social/economic group. Between three and six hearths were the middling group and two or less hearths the lower group. The lower group included the craftsmen, yeomen and labourers of the community, probably living in dwellings of just two or three rooms.

The Hon. Conyers Darcy had 27 hearths in Aston Hall. Two households had eight hearths, Mr. West and Mrs. Fletcher. John Abdy had seven hearths, Mr. Willowby and Phillip Challoner had six hearths and Richard Roulson and George Inkersall had four hearths. Six households had three hearths and they were John Hill, Nicholas Keney, George Morehouse, Arthur Air, Nichollas Schoaley Senr. and Richard Schoaley. Thirteen households had two hearths : Richard Kelke, Widdow Chapman, Henry Wood, William Petty, John Bal, Francis Petty, Nicholas Scoaley, Gilbert Dudsbury, James Hobson, Thomas Schoaley, James Simonett, Francis Simonett and Edward Kestin.

The largest category was those households with only one hearth : John Liddall, Elizabeth Grime, John Simmes, John Morton, Thomas Kenney, Jarvas Kippax, Robert Ellis, Edward Morton, Anthony Davy, Robert Micach, Godfray Schoaley, George Wilkinson, Thomas Jenkinson, Thomas Hemingway, Francis Duckinfeild, Willm Rushby, Richard Baley, Robert Schoaley, Thomas Linley, Mr. Spencer, Edmond Chamney Junr., Widdow Morton, Willm Youle.

In Ulley there were 20 households with a total of 34 hearths. One had 5 hearths : Mr. Robert Bogg. One had 4 hearths : Thomas Rogers. Seven had 2 hearths : Nichols Sones, Mrs. Shirtcliffe, John Schoaley, Nicholls Rogers, Godfrey Scholey, Willm Binnie, Willm Ollerton. The remaining eleven households had just 1 hearth John Clarke, Ralph Goodall, John Coes, John Schoaley, Willm Coe, Willm Tyas, Richard Heywood, Edward Wriglesworth, Willm Champney, Willm Ollerton, Joseph Shepherd. There were none listed as poor.

Looking at the returns of other local villages, the only one with a residence with more than 27 hearths was the Honourable William Earl of Strafford at Wentworth with 43 hearths. This is followed by Sir Thomas Osbourne at Harthill and Woodhall with 26 hearths, Ralph Hansby Esq. at Tickhill with 25 hearths, Sir John Reresby Bart at Thrybergh with 22 hearths and Sir Thomas Robinson Bart at Thorpe Salvin with 20 hearths. Sir Francis Fane (son of Sir Francis Fane and Lady Elizabeth Darcy of Aston Hall) had 15 hearths at Firbeck Hall and Sir Ralph Knight at Letwell had 14 hearths. Interestingly Mr. John Bromehead the schoolmaster at Laughton-en-le-Morthen had 5 hearths in his house and two in his school. You will remember that his daughter Alice married George Mompesson in Aston church on 19th November 1689.

No county has a complete set of records of the Hearth Tax, but the fullest return for South Yorkshire is that for Lady Day 1672 and is kept in Wakefield Metropolitan District Council Library.

For anyone interested, a transcript can be seen on line at <u>https://</u> www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/projects/academy-research-projects-hearth-taxengland-wales/

Ann Key Aston-cum-Aughton History Group

### PRAYER

God stir the soil, Run the ploughshare deep, Cut the furrows round and round, Overturn the hard, dry ground, Spare no strength nor toil, Even though I weep. In the loose, fresh mangled earth Sow new seed. Free of withered vine and weed Bring fair flowers to birth.

**Anonymous** 

### Aston-cum-Aughton History Group

meet in the Reading Room on 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month

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