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*Aston-Cum-Aughton
And Ulley*

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On the Perils of building a Kitchen in Church

The Rectory
St James the Least of All



My dear nephew Darren,

It never fails to amaze me how, in church life, an issue can suddenly become an Issue. In the last month, we have acquired an Issue: a proposal to convert a space at the back of church into a kitchen. Inevitably, battle lines have been drawn and trenches dug. Attendance at church council meetings has soared and unofficial sub-committees meet in the car park after Services. It's obvious that feelings are running high, because people have become remarkably polite to one another.

Some who are wildly in favour see it as an opportunity of being able to leave the pews ten minutes early, in order to get ready for the rush for weak coffee and damp biscuits. I can already hear in my mind the final hymn being drowned by kettles being filled, biscuit tins opened, cups thunderingly placed on saucers, while the volunteers discuss the dress sense of others in the congregation in deafening whispers.

I was a little surprised to hear that Colonel Wainwright was all in favour – until I realised that it would give him a place to totter into to read his newspaper once he got bored with my sermon, which usually seems to happen in the first minute. Naturally, smaller turf wars have broken out alongside the major battle. There is conflict about whether we should get new crockery, what colour carpeting tiles would look right – and most importantly of all, who will take charge of the coffee rota.

Others are totally against the project: the treasurer dreads the thought of signing yet more cheques, the churchwardens worry about removing pews which have quietly hidden the dry rot, and the theologically angst-ridden agonise about the fact that St Paul never mentioned coffee after Sabbath worship.

Naturally, I encourage all sides, especially if it will bring any possibility of progress to a halt. I proposed bringing in flasks of coffee, thus stopping anyone being able to escape before the end of the Service; I suggested drinks being brought to people in the pews, thus ruining the Colonel's hopes of finding a safe haven; I organised a group to study High Priestly attitudes to refreshments in the Temple in Jerusalem in Leviticus.

I am sure that by the time all these groups have come up with their conclusions, we will have safely moved on to fight the next Issue.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace



ALL SAINTS ASTON SERVICES IN MAY 2024

Wednesday 1 May

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 5 May

10:30am All Age Worship

Wednesday 8 May

9:30am Holy Communion

Thursday 9 May - ASCENSION DAY

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 12 May

10:30am Holy Communion

3:00pm DEMENTIA WEEK SERVICE

Wednesday 15 May

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 19 May - PENTECOST

10:30am Holy Communion

6:00pm Choral Evensong

Wednesday 22 May

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 26 May

10:30am Holy Communion

6:00pm Sung Compline

Wednesday 29 May

9:30am Holy Communion



Holy Trinity Church Ulley Services in MAY

Sunday 5 May

9:00am Holy Communion

Sunday 12 May

10:30am Morning Worship

Sunday 19 May - PENTECOST

10:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 26 May

10:30am Morning Worship

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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 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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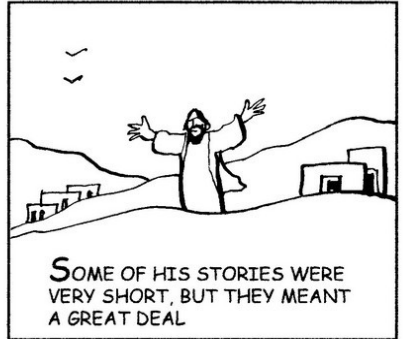
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The tale of the Mustard Seed & the tale of the Yeast

JESUS OFTEN TOLD
STORIES WITH
HIDDEN MEANINGS



SOME OF HIS STORIES WERE
VERY SHORT, BUT THEY MEANT
A GREAT DEAL

ONCE JESUS EXPLAINED HOW
THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN
WAS LIKE A MUSTARD SEED

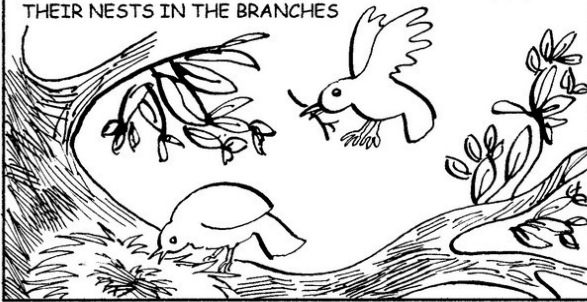


IT IS ONE OF THE SMALLEST
OF SEEDS....



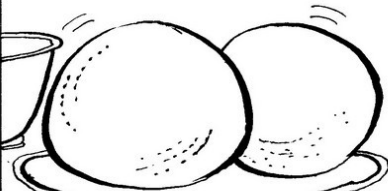
BUT WHEN IT GROWS UP IT IS
THE BIGGEST OF ALL PLANTS

IT BECOMES A TREE, SO THAT BIRDS COME AND MAKE
THEIR NESTS IN THE BRANCHES



JESUS ALSO EXPLAINED THAT THE
KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE YEAST.

EVEN THOUGH IT'S A TINY INGREDIENT,
WHEN IT'S MIXED WITH THE FLOUR,
THE WHOLE BATCH OF DOUGH RISES



THIS WAS JESUS' WAY OF SAYING THAT EVEN IF WE
HAVE A SMALL AMOUNT OF FAITH... IT CAN MAKE A
HUGE DIFFERENCE TO OUR LIVES, AND TO THE LIVES
OF OTHERS.



In The Year that King Uzziah Died

Isaiah the prophet's eyes were wide
The year that King Uzziah died;
He saw the Lord enthroned on high
With six-winged seraphs hovering by!

One pair of wings they used to fly,
One wing they held before each eye,
One pair they placed before their feet
Waiting beside God's royal seat.

"Thrice Holy is the Lord of Hosts!"
They cried aloud from lofty posts,
"His glory seen the whole world wide!"
The temple shook from side to side.

The prophet cried, "Oh, woe is me!
"Such things I should not hear or see!"
"I am a man of lips unclean,
"And yet His glory I have seen!"

A seraph noted his distress
With a hot coal his lips did press
"Now that is done", he heard him say
"Your guilt has surely gone away!"

"Whom shall I send?" God's voice was heard
"Who will go to bring my word?"
Isaiah bowed to hear God's plea:
"Here I am, O Lord, send me."

By Nigel Beeton (from Isaiah 6:1-8)

One of the most dramatic passages in the Bible can be found in the first eight verses of Isaiah chapter 6 – a narrative of the glory of God and His seraphim, of forgiveness of sin, and of a servant obediently answering a call. And yet it all starts with the innocuous words: 'In the year that King Uzziah died'. So, to us, 739 or 740 BC.



ALL SAINTS CHURCH ASTON

ROTA FOR SIDESPEOPLE

MAY 2024

7	HOLY COMMUNION	Pam Taylor & Glyn Sands
14	ALL AGE WORSHIP	Paul Moakes & Gill Ward
21	HOLY COMMUNION	Marjorie O'Neil & Pauline Martin
28	HOLY COMMUNION	Sheila Brown & Bill Mawson



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ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

ON SUNDAY 19 MAY 2024

IN CHURCH AFTER THE SERVICE @ 11:30 am

ALL ARE WELCOME

This is the Annual Meeting where members of the Parochial Church Council report on the affairs of the Church. It allows Parishioners to be involved and ask appropriate questions and those on the Electoral Roll to vote to elect new members of the PCC.





1st May : May Day Unbridled Merriment

May is the month when the ancient pagans used to get up to ‘all sorts’! The Romans held their festival to honour the mother-goddess Maia, goddess of nature and growth. (May is named after her.) The early Celts celebrated the feast of Beltane, in honour of the sun god, Beli.

For centuries in ‘Olde England’ the people went mad in May. After the hardship of winter, and hunger of early Spring, May was a time of indulgence and unbridled merriment. One Philip Stubbes, writing in 1583, was scandalised: ‘for what kissing and bussing, what smooching and slabbering one of another, is not practised?’

Henry VIII went ‘maying’ on many occasions. Then folk would stay out all night in the dark rain-warm thickets and return in the morning for dancing on the green around the May pole, archery, vaulting, wrestling, and evening bonfires.

The Protestant reformers took a strong stand against May Day, and in 1644 May Day was abolished altogether. Many May poles came down – only to go up again at the Restoration, when the first May Day of King Charles’s reign was ‘the happiest Mayday that hath been many a year in England’, according to Pepys.

May Day to most people today brings vague folk memories of a young Queen of the May decorated with garlands and streamers and flowers, a May Pole to weave, Morris dancing, and the intricacies of well dressing at Tissington in Derbyshire.

May Day is a medley of natural themes such as sunrise, the advent of summer, growth in nature, and – since 1833 – Robert Owen’s vision of a millennium in the future, beginning on May Day, when there would be no more poverty, injustice or cruelty, but harmony and friendship. This is why, in modern times, May Day has become Labour Day, which honours the dignity of workers. And until recently, in communist countries May Day processions were in honour of the achievement of Marxism.

There has never been a Christian content to May Day, but nevertheless there is the well-known 6am service on the top of Magdalen Tower at Oxford where a choir sings in the dawn of May Day.

An old May carol includes the lines:

*The life of man is but a span, it flourishes like a flower
We are here today and gone tomorrow – we are dead within an hour.*

There is something of a sadness about it, both in words and tune, as there is about all purely sensuous joy. For May Day is not Easter, and the joys it represents have always been earth-bound and fleeting.





19th May : The Day of Pentecost - Whit Sunday

Pentecost took place on the well-established Jewish festival of Firstfruits, which was observed at the beginning of the wheat harvest. It was seven weeks after Easter, or 50 days including Easter.

A feast day to celebrate the country's wheat harvest does not sound exactly world-changing, but that year, it became one of the most important days in world history. For Pentecost was the day that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit – the day the Church was born.

Jesus had told His disciples that something big was going to happen, and that they were to wait for it in Jerusalem, instead of returning to Galilee. Jesus had plans for His disciples, but He knew they could not do the work themselves. They would need His help.

And so, they waited in Jerusalem, praying together with His other followers, for many days. And then on that fateful morning there was suddenly the sound as of a mighty rushing wind. Tongues of flame flickered on their heads, and they began to praise God in many tongues, to the astonishment of those who heard them. The curse of Babel (Genesis 11: 1- 9) was dramatically reversed that morning.

That morning the Holy Spirit came to indwell the disciples and followers of Jesus. The Church was born. The Christians were suddenly full of life and power, utterly different from their former fearful selves. The change in them was permanent.

Peter gave the first ever sermon of the Christian Church that morning, proclaiming Jesus was the Messiah. His boldness in the face of possible death was in marked contrast to the man who had denied Jesus 50 days before. And 3,000 people responded, were converted, and were baptised. How's that for fast church growth!



Of course, Pentecost was not the first time the Holy Spirit had acted in this world. All through the Old Testament there are accounts of how God's Spirit guided people and strengthened them. But now, because of Christ's death and resurrection, He could INDWELL them. From now on, every Christian could have the confidence that Jesus was with them constantly, through the indwelling of His Holy Spirit.





Our Mother-tongue is lost; A sonnet for Pentecost



Today we feel the wind beneath our wings
Today the hidden fountain flows and plays
Today the church draws breath at last and sings
As every flame becomes a Tongue of praise.

This is the feast of fire, air, and water
Poured out and breathed and kindled into earth.

The earth herself awakens to her maker
And is translated out of death to birth.
The right words come today in their right order
And every word spells freedom and release

Today the gospel crosses every border
All tongues are loosened by the Prince of Peace
Today the lost are found in His translation.

Whose mother tongue is Love in every nation.

By Malcolm Guite



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VILLAGE SCHOOLS



The first school built in Aston was in what we now call the William Layne Reading Room on Aughton Lane, Aston. It was built about 1734 by Francis Lockyer (Rector of Aston from 1734-1740) and rebuilt in 1789 by William Mason (Rector of Aston from 1754-1797). It was the only school in the parish for 130 years until in 1864 St, Peter's Mission Room on Main Street, Aughton, opened and was used as both a school and a church.

In 1866 Aston National School was built on Glebe land on Lodge Lane, close to the junction with Worksop Road. It had accommodation for 100 children and the Reading Room continued to be used as a school for girls.

In 1869, Fence Colliery opened a new schoolroom at Fence. The building was of brick in the Gothic style. The schoolroom was 54 ft long, 18 ft wide and 12 ft high and part of the room could be separated by folding doors to provide a library and reading room, which would be open on weekdays. In May 1876 a meeting of the Aston School Board was held regarding an order from the Education Department about the erection of new schools and teacher's residence near Fence Colliery. Fence Junior School opened on the 10th September 1877 and the Infant School on 4th March 1878. They were run as separate schools, each with its own head teacher. In 1905 notice was given that the Local Education Authority proposed to enlarge the Fence Collieries Provided School by providing additional accommodation for about 130 children. In 2010 a new extension was built with new classrooms, a new hall, kitchen, dining room and a new main entrance. The old school buildings were also fully refurbished, giving the school a new lease of life for many years to come.



In the 1861 local directory, two private schools were listed, one run by Mary Ann Harrison in Aston and one by Mary Ann Bower in Aughton. In 1871 and 1872, Mary Ann Smith was running a day school in Swallownest. These schools were probably run in their own homes. In the 1879, 1881 and 1883 directories, George Fox is listed running a private school in Aughton Hall.

In 1893 Swallownest School opened with two departments, mixed infants and girls. Boys at age seven attended Aston School. In 1908 work began on Swallownest Senior Mixed School. When it was completed, the girls' school closed and reopened as a junior mixed school and boys no longer had to walk to Aston School. In 1923 the infant and junior schools merged and the senior school became Swallownest Secondary Modern School.

In 1910 a new Council School was built on Main Street, Aughton and the St. Peter's Mission Room closed as a school but continued to be used as a church.

The growth of Aston Parish after the Second World War can be measured by the building of more schools. The first to open in 1954 was Aston Lodge School on Lodge Lane. In 1957 Swallownest County Secondary School was built on Aughton Road, Swallownest and in 1962 this school amalgamated with Woodhouse Grammar School and became Aston Woodhouse High School with further buildings added in 1965 and 1966. Also in 1962 Aston Springwood School was opened on Aston Lane.

Aston Church of England School was built in 1970 on the site of Aston National School on Lodge Lane. In 1972 Aughton Junior & Infant School on Turnshaw Avenue was opened and the school on Main Street closed. Later it became Aughton Early Years Centre.

In 1974 Aston Woodhouse High School was placed within the Rotherham Local Authority and became Aston Comprehensive School. Then seven years later, in 1981, the last school to be built in the parish was Aston Hall School on Church Lane. Since then, as the parish has continued to grow, schools have been extended to accommodate the growing numbers of children.

In 2011 Aston Comprehensive School formed the Aston Community Education Trust and became Aston Academy and two local schools, Aughton Junior Academy and Springwood Junior Academy joined the Trust in 2016.

In August 2016 Aston Lodge Primary School and Aston Hall Junior and Infant School joined the Wickersley Partnership Trust.

Ann Key
Aston-cum-Aughton History Group



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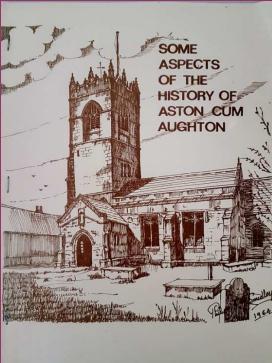


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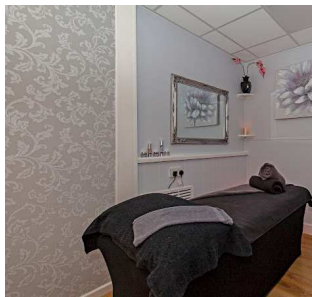
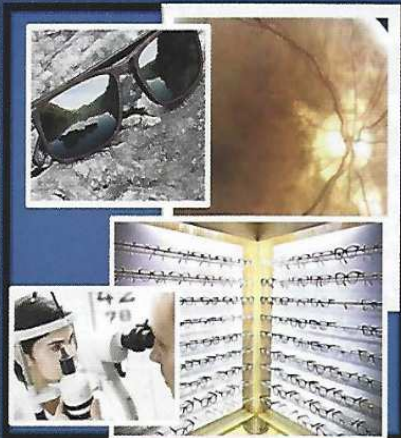
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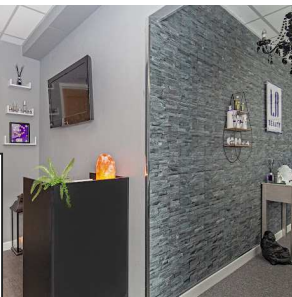
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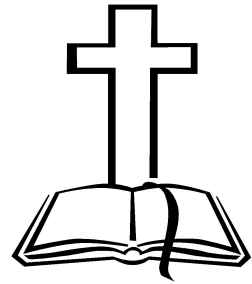
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	Morning Worship (3rd Sunday)	10:30am
	When there is a 5th Sunday To Be Arranged	10:30am
	Evensong (2nd Sunday)	6.00pm
	Compline (4th Sunday)	6:00pm
WEDNESDAYS:	Holy Communion	9.30am

PARISH CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY ULLEY

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	Holy Communion (3rd Sunday)	10.30am

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Meetings on the 3rd Monday of each month at 1.45pm in the Narthex at All Saints Church.

Contact : Val on 0114 287 3214

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.

Chatterbox Activity Group

for pensioners, carers and over 55's. Tuesdays 10am to 12:30 at Central Methodist Church Hall, Lodge Lane, Aston.

Members £3.00.

Board Games, Outings and other Events.

Contact Janet on 07989 370593





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

Prospects

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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 The Narthex, All Saints Church, Aston

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