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*Aston-Cum-Aughton
And Ulley*

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On Why you should Never replace your Hymn Books

The Rectory
St James the Least of All



My dear nephew Darren,

I am surprised you are considering buying a new set of hymn books for your church. I had assumed everything you sang would be projected on to one of those screens which are invariably placed to obscure the altar.

In my – fortunately limited – experience of such devices, they provide the projectionist with endless opportunities for showing the wrong hymn, or the right hymn but from another edition, which will contain either one verse too many or one too few. Should the hymn run to two pages, then the turnover always takes place some milliseconds after that verse has started, so that the congregation is faced with the snap decision of either trying to sing two lines at double time, or just to join in late, making a nonsense of the words.

When we decided to change hymn books some years ago, the reverberations made the consequences of that little event in Sarajevo seem insignificant. The proposal was to move from Hymns Ancient and More Ancient to the more recent version: Hymns Ancient and Slightly Less Ancient.

Colonel Wainwright said he would be happy so long as we continued fighting good fights and urging Christian soldiers onwards. The men wanted the hymns they remembered from school, the ladies those they sang at their weddings, and no one would consider anything that dropped ‘thines’ or ‘wouldsts’. The basses in the choir wanted hymns they knew the tenors found difficult and those who couldn’t read music wanted more hymns sung in unison. When a rumour started that the books may contain hymns written in the last 50 years, timetables were consulted for bus services to the next village.

Eventually we reached a perfect compromise: doing something which made no change whatsoever. Miss Simpson was charged with buying yards of sticky backed plastic and repairing the current books. She put a note on the front of every copy that if the page for the hymn they wanted was missing, they should share with the person sitting next to them – an experience which will be almost as traumatic as being invited to pass the peace. Yet another decision has thereby been deferred for a Church Council to make some time next century. Harmony reigns once again.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace



ALL SAINTS ASTON SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER 2024

Sunday 1 September

10:30am All Age Worship

Wednesday 4 September

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 8 September

10:30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 11 September

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 15 September

10:30am Holy Communion

6:00pm CHORAL EVENSONG

Wednesday 18 September

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 22 September

10:30am WEDDING CELEBRATION SERVICE

6:00pm SUNG COMPLINE

Wednesday 25 September

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 29 September

10:30am Holy Communion - HARVEST FESTIVAL

6:00pm MISSION AREA TAIZE SERVICE
at St Paul & St Peter Todwick



Holy Trinity Church Ulley Services in September

Sunday 1 September

9:00am Holy Communion

Sunday 8 September

10:30am Holy Communion

Licensing of Vicky Camber as Oversight Minister

Sunday 15 September

10:30am Celebration and Blessing the Well Dressing

Sunday 22 September

10:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 29 September

10:30am Holy Communion

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A Plea to the Community of All Saints Church

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

Contact details as follows:

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Mobile phone 07450 648964 or carl_spencer@sky.com

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

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

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

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The gardener and the Vine



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONCE HE TOLD HIS FRIENDS ALL ABOUT A GARDENER.

THE GARDENER'S JOB WAS TO CARE FOR THE VINES



HE WOULD LOOK AT EACH BRANCH CAREFULLY..

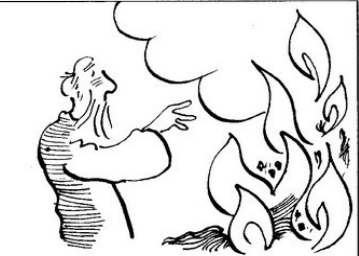
... AND IF IT WAS PRODUCING GOOD FRUIT, HE WOULD CARE FOR IT AND NOURISH IT.



IF IT WAS PRODUCING BAD FRUIT...

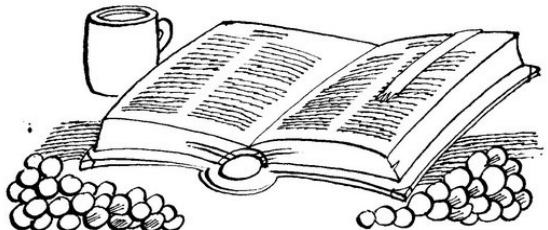


...OR NO FRUIT AT ALL...



...THEN THE GARDENER WOULD CHOP IT OFF, AND BURN IT IN THE FIRE!!

JESUS WANTED HIS FRIENDS TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS - THAT'S LIKE THE VINE BEARING GOOD FRUIT.



YOU CAN READ THIS SPECIAL PARABLE IN JOHN'S GOSPEL, CHAPTER 15.



EFFORTLESSLY

Effortlessly,
Love flows from God into man,
Like a bird
Who rivers the air
Without moving her wings.
Thus we move in His world,
One in body and soul,
Though outwardly separate in form.
As the Source strikes the note,
Humanity sings—
The Holy Spirit is our harpist,
And all strings
Which are touched in Love
Must sound.

*By Mechthild of Magdeburg 1207-1297
trans. Jane Hirshfield*

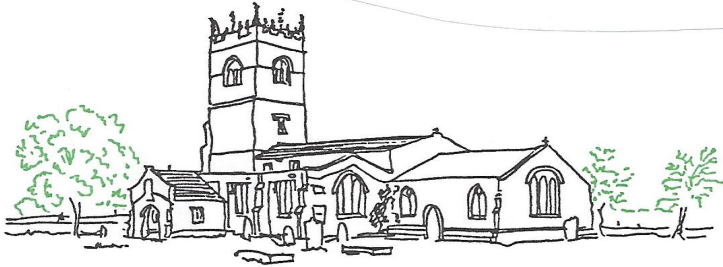


ALL SAINTS CHURCH ASTON

ROTA FOR SIDESPEOPLE

SEPTEMBER 2024

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



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ALL SAINTS CHURCH ASTON

GAMES EVENING

FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

6:30pm for 7:00pm start

Do you fancy a game of Dominos or Scrabble ?

Please join us for lots of fun and frivolity at our Games Evening.

Try some new (board/card) games, or come and play your old favourites.

Join us for a Games Night on Friday 6th September with various games including Beetle Drive, classic board games and Bingo.

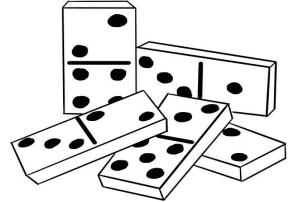
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ALL SAINTS CHURCH ASTON

COFFEE MORNING

In the Narthex

2nd Friday of each month

10:00am - 12:00pm





8th September : The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

In both eastern and western Churches, Mary has always been held as pre-eminent among all the saints. The unique, extraordinary privilege of being the mother of the One who was both God and Man, makes her worthy of special honour. Thomas Aquinas believed she was due hyperdulia, or a veneration that exceeds that of other saints, but is at the same time infinitely below the adoration, or latria, due to God alone.



The gospels of Matthew and Luke give Mary most mention. Luke even tells the story of Jesus' infancy from Mary's point of view. Her Song, or Magnificat appears in Luke 1:46-55.

The virginal conception of Christ is clearly stated in the gospels. But after Jesus' birth, Mary fades quietly into the background. During Jesus' public life, she is mentioned only occasionally, as at the wedding at Cana. She reappears at the foot of the Cross (John's Gospel), and is given into John's care. In the early chapters of Acts, Mary is with the Apostles, and received the Holy Spirit along with them on Whitsunday. But her role was not the active one of teaching and preaching.

Mary's significance grew with the centuries. By the fifth century she was Called Theotokos, The Mother of God, and from the seventh century onwards, she was given four festivals: the Presentation in the Temple (2nd February), the Annunciation (25th March), the Assumption (15th August) and her Nativity (8th September).

Marian devotion has played an enormous role in the church down the years. Mary has been the object of countless prayers, accredited with performing many miracles, and the subject of thousands of artistic endeavours. She has had hundreds of chapels or parish churches named after her. During the Reformation many images of Mary were destroyed. The Second Vatican Council 1962 made an extended statement on her, stressing her complete dependence on her Son, and regarding her as a model of the Church.

Principal Marian shrines of today include Lourdes (France), Fatima (Portugal), Walsingham (England), Loreto (Italy), Czesochowa (Poland) and Guadalupe (Mexico).



14th September : Holy Cross Day

On Holy Cross Day the Church celebrates the Cross as a symbol of triumph, as the sign of Christ's victory over death. Holy Cross Day goes right back to 14 September 335, and we have the mother of a Roman Emperor to thank for it.

Helena was a devout Christian, and after her son, Constantine, was converted, they agreed that she should travel from Rome to Israel, and seek out the places of special significance to Christians.

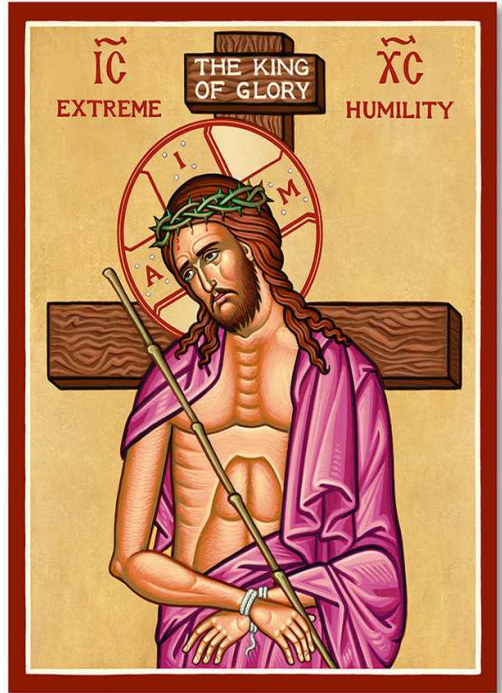
Of course, much of Jerusalem had been destroyed by the Romans around 135 AD. But even so, Helena finally located what she believed to be the sites of the Crucifixion and of the Burial (and modern archaeologists think she may well be correct). The sites were so close together that she built one large church over them - the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

That church, built in honour of the Cross, was dedicated on 14 September 335. The sign of the Cross has been used by Christians since early times. Tertullian, writing his *De Corona* (3:2) around AD 211, noted that Christians seldom did anything significant without making the sign of the cross.

What is its significance? Well, people often put their initials or some sort of personal mark on something to show that it belongs to them. The Cross is the personal mark of our Lord Jesus Christ, and we mark it on ourselves as a sign that we belong to him. Even in the book of Revelation, we read that the servants of God are 'sealed' or 'marked' on their foreheads as a sign that they are His.

A preacher once put it this way: if you were explaining to someone how to make a cross, you would say: "Draw an I." That is you standing before the Lord, saying, 'here I am'. Then cancel that vertical stroke with a horizontal stroke – as if to say: "Lord, I abandon my self-will and make you the centre of my life instead. I abandon myself to your love and service."

On Holy Cross Day, we recall Jesus' wonderful promise: "And when I am lifted up, I will draw all men unto me." (John 12:32)





SERENITY PRAYER

God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change;
Courage to change the things I can;
And wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time;
Enjoying one moment at a time;
Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;
Taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world
As it is, not as I would have it;
Trusting that He will make all things right
If I surrender to His Will;
That I may be reasonably Happy in this life
And supremely Happy with Him
Forever in the next.

Amen

*By Reinhold Niebuhr
(1892-1971)*





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THE FAMILIES WHO HELD THE MANOR OF ASTON FROM 1066 - 1948

From the time of the Conquest until 1928 Aston was largely owned by four knightly or gentry families who had possession over many generations; the de Warennes from 1066, the Meltons from 1332, the Darcys from 1521 and the Verelsts from 1774. Then from 1928 - 1948 the Matthews. Beginning with the de Warennes I will include an article each month about each of these families.

THE DE WARENNES

In 1066 life in England changed completely, for everyone, The Battle of Hastings put William Duke of Normandy on the English throne. After the conquest, King William rewarded his knights by giving them estates in England. William de Warenne, King William's son in law and a most loyal follower, received 300 manors in Sussex, Norfolk and South Yorkshire. The land here was centred around Conisbrough and included Aston and Aughton.

Before the conquest Aston was a small Saxon village of about 50 people living off the farmland and woodland. Twenty years later the Domesday Book's entry for Aston said "Richard has now there five villeins and one sokeman with two ploughs. "There is a church and a priest". Richard was Richard de Sourdeval who was born about 1030 in Sourdeval in Normandy. He accompanied William the Conqueror to England in the train of the Count of Mortain, King William's half-brother.



*William de Warenne,
1st Earl of Surrey
from the window of
Gundrada's Chapel, Lewes*

As well as Aston and Aughton Richard also held land in Hooton Levet, Hooton Pagnell, Thurnscoe, Clayton, Frickley, Great Houghton, Whiston, Handsworth, Treeton, Ulley, Brampton en le Morthen and Wales. Richard married and had a daughter Matilda, sometimes called Maude. Richard died in Hooton Pagnell in 1089 and Matilda inherited the Manor of Hooton Pagnell from her father. He had received it from the King in 1088. Matilda married Ralph Paganel. They had four sons who died without issue and the land was divided between their two sisters, Isabelle and Frethesenthe. Frethesenthe married Geoffrey of Luterel, the first of a long line of Luterels who had possession of Hooton until 1484.



In 1087 William de Warenne was created Earl of Surrey. A year later he was wounded at the siege of Pevensey Castle and died on the 24th June 1088 at Lewes, Sussex. At his death he was the third richest man in England. He was buried next to his wife Gundrada in the Chapterhouse of Lewes Priory, Sussex, which had been founded by them in 1087. Lewes Priory is now a ruin and their tombs are in a chapel built onto the parish church of St. John the Baptist in Lewes.

He was succeeded by his son William, 2nd Earl of Surrey. He married Elizabeth de Vermandois, granddaughter of Henry I, King of France. She was the widow of Robert, Earl of Leicester. Robert was over fifty when he married the very young Elizabeth. She fell in love with William de Warenne and left her husband. When Robert died, they married and had five children.

William died in 1138 and was succeeded by his son William, 3rd Earl of Surrey. He was in his minority and serving with Stephen, King of England, in Normandy, when his father died. He was killed in 1148 on the way to the Holy Land during the Crusades. He left one child, Isabel who inherited all his wealth and land.

She married King Stephen's younger son, William I, Count of Boulogne, who became the 4th Earl of Surrey. He died at the Siege of Toulouse in 1160. They had no heir and it left Isabel an heiress of considerable wealth, still only in her twenties. King Henry II was now on the throne and he decided to marry her to his youngest brother, William. However, Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, banned the match because the couple were too closely related. King Henry was furious but there was nothing to be done. So, instead, he married her to his bastard half-brother, Hamelin Plantagenet. So Henry still managed to draw the de Warenne estates into his own family enclave.

They were married at Easter 1164 and in March of that year a record appears in the pipe rolls for clothes for Isabel amounting to £41 10s. 8d., probably her wedding dress and trousseau. Isabel was now the King's sister-in-law and also sister-in-law to Eleanor of Aquitaine. Hamelin took his wife's name and became Hamelin de Warenne, fifth Earl of Surrey. They had four surviving children, William, Adela, Isabel and Matilda.

Hamelin held the earldom for almost forty years, from 1163 to his death in 1202 and spent more time in Yorkshire than any of the previous earls. During this time he built Conisbrough Castle and its great stone keep. It is also likely that Hamelin began the building of Aston Church. He was at the coronation of King Richard I in 1194 and at King John's coronation in 1199. He died in 1202 and his wife Isabel the following year. They were also buried in Lewes Priory.



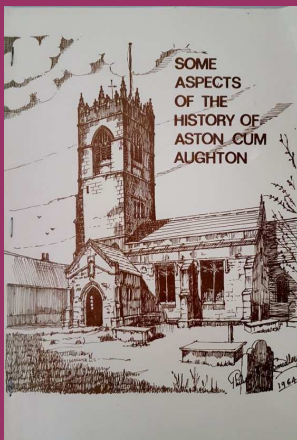
He was succeeded by his son William, 6th Earl of Surrey. He married Maud Marshall, daughter of William Marshall, Earl of Pembroke. Marshall and Regent of England. They had a son John and a daughter Isabelle. William was one of the few barons who remained loyal to King John (his cousin) and was one of the Barons who advised John to agree to the Magna Carta.

He died in 1240 and was succeeded by his son John, 7th Earl of Surrey who married Alice, half-sister of King Henry III. They had three children, Eleanor, Isabella and William.

William's son was accidentally killed in a tournament in 1286 age 30 and when William died in 1304 he was succeeded by his grandson John, who was the 8th and last Earl of Surrey.

During all this time, Aston was held by various knights and lords from the de Warennes. Unfortunately, we have found no record of many of them but we know that in 1253 Osbert de Arcubus held Aston. His only daughter and heir, Maud, married William de Cantilupe. She died childless about 1286 and William de Cantilupe became lord of Aston. After his death, as there was no heir, the land was disputed and in 1317 Thomas de Aunby was returned Lord of the Manor of Aston. Then in 1332 he released all rights in the Manor to William Melton, Archbishop of York.

Ann Key
Aston-cum-Aughton History Group



Aston-cum-Aughton History Group

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

7:00pm to 9:00pm.

Contact Jeff Blades 0114 287 2102
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LORD OF THE WINDS

Lord of the winds, I cry to thee
I that am dust,
And blown about by every gust
I fly to thee.

Lord of the water, unto thee I call,
I that am weed upon the waters borne,
And by the waters torn,
Tossed by the waters, at thy feet I fall.

By Mary Coleridge
(1861-1907)



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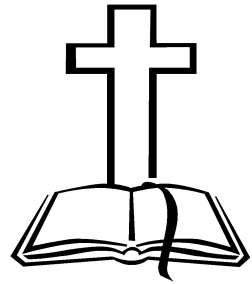
From the Registers

Baptisms :

No Baptisms in August

Funerals :

Gary Cooper
Stuart Houghton
Josephine Mullin



WHO TO CONTACT AT ALL SAINTS

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or book your wedding

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SUNDAYS:	All Age Worship (1st Sunday of the month)	10:30am
	Parish Communion (2nd Sunday and 4th Sunday)	10:30am
	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

SUNDAYS:	Holy Communion (1st Sunday)	9:00am
	Morning Worship (2nd Sunday & 4th Sunday)	10.30am
	Holy Communion (3rd Sunday)	10.30am

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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

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*Contact : **enquire5thage@outlook.com***

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