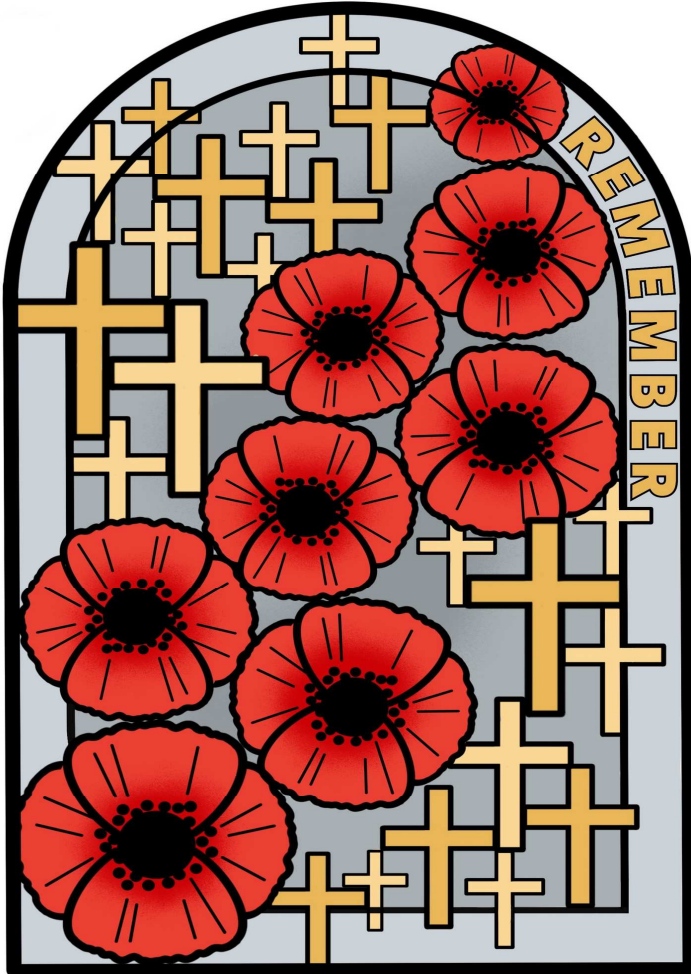


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On why the C of E should never combine Parishes

The Rectory
St James the Least of All

My dear nephew Darren,



I suppose it had to come, but combining parishes is now firmly on the agenda for our villages.

I had always wondered what the first Earl of Stowe was trying to prove, building a church here in 1347 to accommodate 800 people when the total population has never exceeded 250. In the short term – which in this village is measured in centuries – it seems to have been to house the tombs of his 13 successors. I now realise it was to make uniting with adjoining parishes in the 21st century more difficult. Clearly the first Earl had formidable foresight. None of our neighbouring churches seem too keen to share their reserves to help maintain our cathedral-sized building.

The threat of the closure of St Herve the Bard has, inevitably, caused outrage – not so much from its regular congregation of three, but from all those in the village who would never think of attending. People do so like to have a church not to go to.

The church of St Bregowine, built by a wealthy parishioner in the 19th century because she did not like the high church practices of the parish church of St Iwig, is refusing to re-unite, even though the two churches stand only 100 yards apart, in a village with a diameter of 300 yards. If only they could get over the trauma of seeing the incumbent putting water in the wine on Easter Day in 1894. (Although it must be conceded that the Bregowinians were equally affronted that when the daughter church opened in 1895, they found that the Iwigers had provided no brass troughs at the end of the pews for umbrellas. That they have subsequently refused to install them has only compounded the offence.)

Meanwhile St Plegmund is in discussions with the Church of South India as a way of avoiding uniting with anyone. Should it happen, I will be interested to see what travelling expenses the new incumbent claims. It will be difficult to tell when the present incumbent resigns, as he has not been seen at a clerical meeting for the last 30 years. Some of my colleagues suspect he is mythical, that a bloodless coup took place in the 1980s and that the church is now entirely run by the Mothers' Union.

The church of St Maximus of Constantinople in our nearest town has rather grandly offered to take all of our churches under its wing, but as a parishioner has pointed out: how could we possibly consider joining with a parish that fought on the other side at the Battle of Bosworth in 1485.

In the meantime, we will serenely carry on, as we seem to have done for the past six centuries; parish mergers and reductions in numbers of clergy seem to be of less interest than debating the suggestion that we change the brand of coffee served after Services.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace



ALL SAINTS ASTON SERVICES IN NOVEMBER 2024

Sunday 3 November - ALL SAINTS' DAY

10:30am All Age Worship & Holy Communion

6:00pm CHORAL EVENSONG

Wednesday 6 November

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 10 November - REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

10:00am Morning Prayer with Hymns

11:00am Act of Remembrance Service

4:00pm Memorial Service

Wednesday 13 November

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 17 November

10:30am Holy Communion

6:00pm Mission Area TAIZE Service at Ulley

Wednesday 20 November

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 24 November - CHRIST THE KING

10:30am Holy Communion

6:00pm SUNG COMPLINE

Wednesday 27 November

9:30am Holy Communion



Holy Trinity Church Ulley Services in November

Sunday 3 November - ALL SAINTS' DAY

9:00am Holy Communion

Sunday 10 November - REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

10:00am 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.



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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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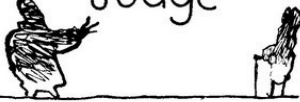
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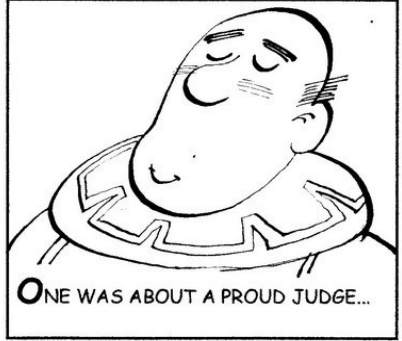
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The
Tale of the
The Widow
and the
Judge



JESUS OFTEN TOLD
STORIES WITH
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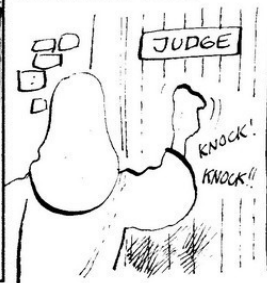


ONE WAS ABOUT A PROUD JUDGE...



...AND A POOR WIDOW

THE WIDOW NEEDED HELP
FROM THE JUDGE.

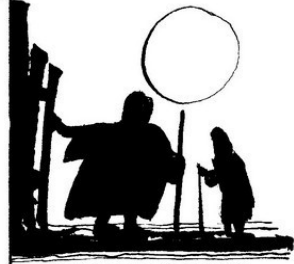


BUT HE WAS FAR TOO PROUD
AND BUSY TO LISTEN

BUT THE WIDOW
WOULD NOT GIVE UP

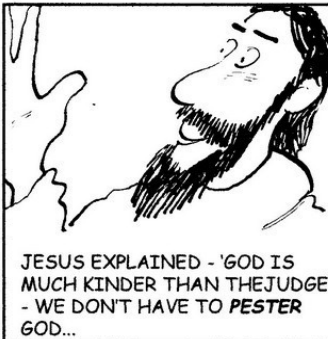


PLEASE COME AND SORT OUT
MY LEGAL PROBLEMS



AT LAST THE JUDGE
GAVE IN - AND WENT
TO HELP THE WOMAN

I'M ONLY DOING THIS BECAUSE
YOU KEPT PESTERING ME!



JESUS EXPLAINED - 'GOD IS
MUCH KINDER THAN THE JUDGE
- WE DON'T HAVE TO PESTER
GOD...



...HE HEARS OUR PRAYERS
WITHOUT OUR NAGGING HIM.



PEACE

My soul, there is a country
Far beyond the stars,
Where stands a winged sentry
All skilful in the wars:

There, above noise and danger,
Sweet Peace sits crowned with smiles,
And one born in a manger
Commands the beauteous files,

He is thy gracious Friend,
And – O my soul, awake! –
Did in pure love descend
To die here for thy sake.

If thou canst get but thither,
There grows the flower of Peace,
The Rose that cannot wither,
Thy fortress and thy ease.

Leave then thy foolish ranges;
For none can thee secure
But one who never changes –
Thy God, thy life, thy cure.

By Henry Vaughan
1623 -1695



ALL SAINTS CHURCH ASTON

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10	MORNING WORSHIP	Gill Ward & Paul Moakes
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1st November : All Saints Day, the Feast of all the Redeemed

All Saints, or All Hallows, is the feast of all the redeemed, known and unknown, who are now in heaven. When the English Reformation took place, the number of saints in the calendar was drastically reduced, with the result that All Saints' Day stood out with a prominence that it had never had before.

This feast day first began in the East, perhaps as early as the 5th century, as commemorating 'the martyrs of the whole world'. A Northern English 9th century calendar named All Hallows as a principal feast, and such it has remained. Down the centuries devotional writers have seen in it the fulfilment of Pentecost and indeed of Christ's redemptive sacrifice and resurrection.

The saints do not belong to any religious tradition, and their lives and witness to Christ can be appreciated by all Christians.

1,255 ancient English churches were dedicated to All Saints – a number only surpassed by those dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

Richard Baxter, writing in the 17th century, wrote the following:

*He wants not friends that hath thy love,
And made converse and walk with thee,
And with thy saints here and above,
With whom for ever I must be...*

*As for my friends, they are not lost;
The several vessels of thy fleet,
Though parted now, by tempests tost,
Shall safely in thy haven meet....*

*The heavenly hosts, world without end,
Shall be my company above;
And thou, my best and surest Friend,
Who shall divide me from thy love?**



*(Maurice Frost (ed.), Historical Companion to Hymns Ancient and Modern (London: Clowes, 1962), no. 274, verses 1,3,6.



10th November : The poppies of Remembrance Sunday



In late 1914, WW1 erupted across Northern France and Flanders. Great swathes of previously green fields and forests were blasted and bombed, leaving them bleak and barren, with seemingly every living thing destroyed.

But then in the Spring of 1915, something beautiful began to come out of all the destruction. Tens of thousands of bright red Flanders poppies began to put out tentative shoots across the endless vistas of mud. These resilient little flowers had actually flourished in the middle of so much chaos and destruction, because their seeds grow when exposed to sunlight, through disturbances to soil.

We all know that these endless fields of cheerful poppies, growing in the midst of such misery and destruction, were what inspired the Canadian doctor, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, to write the now famous poem 'In Flanders Fields'.

And it was McCrae's poem which inspired an American academic named Moina Michael to adopt the poppy in memory of those who had fallen in the war. She got it adopted as an official symbol of Remembrance across the United States, and worked with others who were trying to do the same in Canada, Australia, and the UK.

A French woman, Anna Guérin who was in the UK in 1921, caught the same vision, and planned to sell the poppies in London. There she met Earl Haig, the founder of the Royal British Legion, who was persuaded to adopt the poppy as its emblem in the UK.

The Royal British Legion, which had been formed in 1921, ordered nine million poppies and sold them on 11 November that year. Ever since then, the red poppy has been a symbol of Remembrance, of support for the Armed Forces community, and also of hope for a peaceful future.



30th November : St Andrew, Patron Saint of Scotland

The apostle Andrew (d. c.60) is patron saint of Scotland. According to the gospel of Matthew, Andrew and his brother Simon Peter were the very first two disciples whom Jesus called. 'Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.' (Matt 4:18,19). Without more ado, they obeyed. 'At once they left their nets and followed him.' The story is touching for the simple but total faith that they had in Jesus. Whenever the gospels mention the disciples, Andrew's name is always in the first four. Rather than a boisterous leader of men (like Peter), he seems to have been an approachable person who wanted to help people.



It was Andrew who helped introduce a group of Greeks to Jesus (John 12:20-2) and Andrew who offered Jesus the five small barley loaves and two small fishes when Jesus challenged them to feed the five thousand. (John 6:8) His faith in Jesus over small things was richly rewarded, and this faithful, kindly Galilean fisherman turned disciple went on to become one of the 12 apostles of the Christian Church.

Andrew never settled back in Capernaum by Galilee. Instead, his 'fishing for men' seems to have taken him far. One ancient tradition links him with Greece, where both Scythia and Epirus claimed him as their apostle. Another place in Greece, Patras in Achaia, claimed to be the place where Andrew was eventually martyred. Like Jesus, he was crucified, but the story goes that during the two days it took him to die, he preached earnestly to the people about Jesus. Andrew was not afraid of death on a cross – he had seen it before, and knew one thing for certain: because of Jesus, there was nothing but eternal life ahead of him.

In the West, Andrew's feast-day was universal from the 6th century, and hundreds of churches were named after him in Italy, France and England. But how did he end up as patron saint of Scotland? Well, according to one ancient legend, his relics were taken from Patras to Scotland in the 8th century, and ended up in Fife, where a church dedicated to him was built and became a centre for evangelisation and later pilgrimage. As Andrew was the only apostle to make it as far as Scotland, he was chosen as patron saint.

But Andrew did not stay in Scotland. After the fall of Constantinople in 1204, it is said that the Crusaders took his relics to Amalfi. From there the despot Thomas Palaeologus sent his head to the pope in Rome in 1461 – where it became one of the most treasured possessions of St Peters – until it was sent to the church in Constantinople by Paul VI.

In art Andrew is depicted with a normal Latin cross in the most ancient examples. The saltire cross 'X', commonly called St Andrew's Cross which represents Scotland on the Union Jack, was associated with him from the 10th century.



LOVE

Love is patient,
love is kind.
It does not envy,
it does not boast,
it is not proud.

It does not dishonour others,
it is not self-seeking,
it is not easily angered,
it keeps no record of wrongs.

Love does not delight in evil
but rejoices with the truth.

It always protects,
always trusts,
always hopes,
always perseveres.

Love Never Fails.

1 Corinthians 13: 4-8
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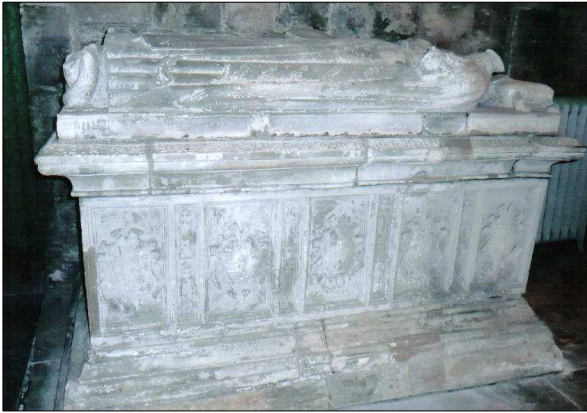
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THE FAMILIES WHO HELD THE MANOR OF ASTON FROM 1066 - 1948

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 DARCYS Part 1



The tomb of George and Dorothy Darcy in St. Wilfrid's Church in Brayton near Selby

Sir Thomas Darcy, 1st Baron Darcy of Darcy was born in 1467, the son of Sir William and Euphemia Darcy. He was one of the northern lords who served Henry VII and held many high offices including Constable and Marshall of England. He lived at Temple Newsam House near Leeds.

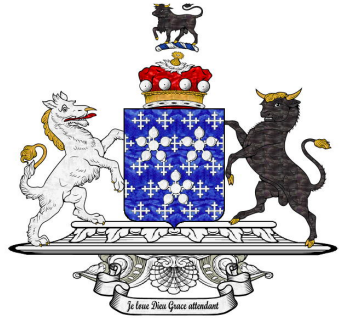
When Henry VIII succeeded his father to the throne, Thomas was one of the eleven counsellors elected out of those his father most trusted. In 1509 he was made a Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter. He served King Henry VIII for 26 years but in 1537 he became involved in the Northern rebellion against the dissolution of the monasteries, popularly called the Pilgrimage of Grace, led by Robert Aske. He was in Pontefract Castle with the Archbishop of York when they surrendered it to the rebels. He was arrested, brought to London, tried and found guilty and beheaded on Tower Hill on 20th June 1537 and his head set up on London Bridge. His lands and title were seized by the crown.



Sir Thomas had married twice. His first wife was Dousabella Tempest, daughter and heiress of Sir Richard Tempest. They had five children, George, Arthur, Richard, Henry and Mabel. His second wife was Elizabeth Sandys and they had one child, a daughter Elizabeth.

His eldest son, Sir George Darcy, 1st Baron Darcy of Aston was born around 1497. He also served King Henry VIII. George was forgiven for his father's crimes and became a trusted servant of Henry and Edward VI. He was a commander at the Battle of Flodden in Northumberland in 1513 and was knighted on the Battlefield.

He was Sheriff of Yorkshire in 1535-36 and in 1548 he was restored by Act of Parliament to the dignity of Baron Darcy and took his seat in the House of Lords as a junior baron. He never regained any of his father's lands but he was granted lands from three dissolved Cistercian monasteries, Jervaulx Abbey in Yorkshire, Sawley Abbey in Lancashire and St. Mary Graces in London. After the death of Henry VIII and Edward VI, he served Queen Mary.



*Barons Darcy of Temple Hurst
and Barons Darcy of Aston*

Sir George entered into a contract to marry Dorothy Melton and it was signed on 26th March 1521 at Aston. Dorothy had been born here about 1501 and was the only daughter and heiress of Sir John Melton of Aston and his wife Katherine Hastings. After their marriage, George and Dorothy lived at Aston for 36 years. They had eleven children, six daughters and five sons. All the daughters married except the youngest Clara and of the sons, three died young, one was disinherited and John inherited when his father died in 1558.

George's daughter Mary married Henry Babington of Dethick, Derbyshire, in Aston church on the 5th September 1560 and had a son Anthony, born in 1561. He served as a page to Mary Queen of Scots when she was imprisoned in Sheffield Castle. He became involved in a plot to assassinate Queen Elizabeth I and was executed. After her husband's death, Mary was married a second time to Henry Foljambe of Barlborough. Her grave is in Barlborough Churchyard.



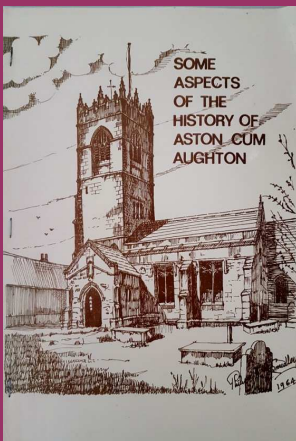
In his Last Will and Testament, George asked for his body to be buried in the choir at Brayton church near Selby, close to his wife, appointing that “a convenient tomb should be made and set over them both, according to his estate and degree.”

Their later life had been marred by the misconduct of their younger son, George Darcy, who was involved in a feud with the Wests of Aughton. He and his eldest brother John, ambushed two West Brothers, Lewis and Edmund, as they returned from the Statutes Fair at Rotherham in 1556. They were both killed. Lewis’s wife Margaret, who was a friend of the Darcy’s, agreed not to prosecute John and received payment of 500 marks to support her and her family. George seems to have been the worst of the two brothers and was abandoned by his family and his name has disappeared from records.

Dorothy died in 1557, one year after the murders and her husband George died the following year. The murders were possibly the reason they were interred in Brayton Church near Selby and not Aston. Unfortunately, the figures on the tomb were damaged during the Civil War when Parliamentarian soldiers stabled their horses in Brayton church. The heads of both Dorothy and George were removed as were the legs of George.

Ann Key

Aston-cum-Aughton History Group



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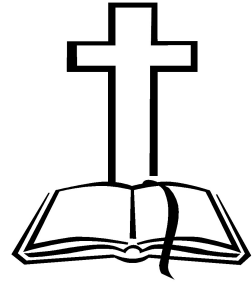
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	Compline (4th Sunday)	6:00pm
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Groups and Societies

Aston & District Footpath Walkers Association

Local friendly walking every Thursday. Contact **Mel Partridge** on **07731 773832**, or E-Mail melpartridge1943@gmail.com.

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.

Contact : **Linda** on **0114 287 6696**

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

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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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*Contact : **Gloria Hope 07553 504806** or gloria@gloriahope.uk*



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