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And Ulley

November 2023



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11TH NOVEMBER

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#### On using Glebe Land for Allotments

The Rectory
St James the Least of All



#### My dear nephew Darren,

I hear you have joined the committee which wants to convert the waste land between the abandoned soap factory and canal in your parish into allotments – although I would have thought there were holier sorts of conversions you could have concentrated on. I am sure you will soon be caught up in arguments which make that little disagreement over an apple in the Garden of Eden seem quite trivial.

Some years ago, we similarly decided to let part of our Glebe land become allotments; the outcome was not wholly as may have been anticipated. Colonel Wainwright saw it as an opportunity of re-living his War years and was only just restrained from digging trenches around his plot; no doubt he would have offered to play football with neighbouring allotment holders on Christmas Day.

It caused some surprise when the Earl of Stowe applied for a plot, but it has become something of an attraction to see his daily procession, preceded by his gardener pushing the wheelbarrow, the under-gardener carrying the tools and following him, his butler with the newspaper, a deckchair, and a flask of coffee. He then settles down for a comfortable hour while occasionally supervising the work, once reports on the local hunt have been read

Miss Simpson managed to unite everyone in communal outrage by using her plot to encourage fluffy bunnies, darling foxes, and sweet squirrels. She seemed to be particularly grateful to everyone else for providing fruit and vegetables for their happiness. Resolution was only achieved when she was convinced to grow potatoes, helping the Colonel in his War Effort. Fortunately, he did not ask her to arrive equipped with the regulation gas mask.

Our local architect seems to spend most of his time beautifying his garden shed, rather than growing produce. With its gothic arched windows, Norman tower and flying buttresses, I do wonder if he may have spent rather too much of his time renovating ancient churches. Neighbouring plot-holders look forward to the agricultural equivalent of the Dissolution of the Monasteries.

I am sure you will find you have committed yourself to many hours of unnecessary work. Just make sure you get a percentage of their produce for your Harvest Festival.

Your loving uncle,



## ALL SAINTS ASTON SERVICES IN NOVEMBER 2023

## Wednesday 1 November

9:30am Holy Communion

7:00pm Choral Evensong for ALL SAINTS - Rev Julie Bacon

#### **Sunday 5 November**

10:30am All Age Worship

4:00pm MEMORIAL SERVICE

## Wednesday 8 November

9:30am Holy Communion

## **Sunday 12 November**

10:00am Morning Worship - REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

11:00am Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial

6:00pm Choral Evensong for REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

## Wednesday 15 November

9:30am Holy Communion

#### **Sunday 19 November**

10:30am Morning Worship - Jim Nuttall's Final Service

6:00pm Choral Evensong

## Wednesday 22 November

9:30am Holy Communion

## **Sunday 26 November**

10:30am Holy Communion - CHRIST THE KING

6:00pm Sung Compline

## Wednesday 29 November

9:30am Holy Communion





# Holy Trinity Church Ulley Services in NOVEMBER

### Sunday 5 November

9:00am Holy Communion

## Sunday 12 November - REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

10:00am Morning Worship 11:00am Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial

### Sunday 19 November

10:30am Holy Communion

## Sunday 26 November

10:30am Morning Worship

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## A Plea to the Community of All Saints Church

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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.

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.

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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

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

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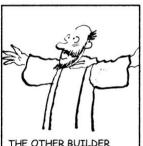






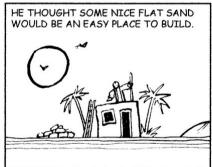
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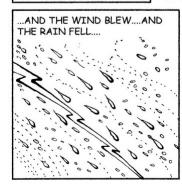


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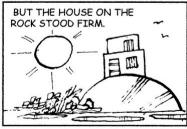
THE OTHER BUILDER DIDN'T CARE WHERE HE BUILT HIS HOUSE











JESUS EXPLAINED -'IT'S IMPORTANT OUR LIVES HAVE A FIRM FOUNDATION'.



## Making melody unto the Lord

Miriam plays her tambourine In tribute to her Lord, The harpists play their melodies Their sound is heard abroad.

The trumpets and the cymbals too Ring out throughout the earth, Extolling God our Saviour And telling of His worth.

So let there be a paean of praise
To Him who set us free,
Forgiveness and His gift of life
He gives to you and me.

This gift was bought by Christ's own blood,
A cost none could afford,
So let us join with heaven and earth
To praise our Risen Lord.

By Megan Carter



## ALL SAINTS CHURCH ASTON NOTICEBOARD ROTA FOR SIDESPEOPLE

#### NOVEMBER 2023

5	ALL AGE WORSHP	Sheila Brown & Ann Mason
12	MORNING WORSHIP	Glyn Sands & Pauline Martin
19	MORNING WORSHIP	Paul Moakes & Marjorie O'Neil
26	HOLY COMMUNION	Bill Mawson & Sheila Brown

#### HARVEST SUPPER

Gill Ward would like to thank all those who supported and attended our recent HARVEST SUPPER on Friday 29 September 2023. A very pleasant evening which was appreciated by all who attended. We enjoyed an excellent pie and peas supper, plus stimulating quiz and entertaining game of bingo, plus bar and raffle.

Thanks to those who helped with the organisation of food, bar, setting up and raffle, and to all those who came to enjoy eating and socialising. We raised a grand total of £196, which will be a very welcome addition to church funds.

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## 12th November: The Poppies of Remembrance Sunday



They shall not grow old as we grow old.

Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the Sun
And in the Morning
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

From the Poem 'For the Fallen' by Laurence Binyon (1869-1943)

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.



#### 16th November: St Margaret of Scotland

Some women have power, and some women are good. When a woman with power is also good, she can achieve an astonishing amount.

Margaret of Scotland has been called 'The Pearl of Scotland', but she began life in Hungary about 1045. She was born to the expatriate English prince Edward the Exile, and so was an English princess. The family returned to Wessex in 1057, when she was 13, and following the death of King Harold II at the Battle of Hastings in 1066, her brother Edgar Aetheling should have been King of England, but he was never crowned.



Instead, the family fled north, to Scotland, where she was married to Malcolm III of Scotland by 1070. As a Scottish queen she went on to become mother of three kings of Scotland, and of a queen consort of England.

Margaret was a Christian, and became a good friend of Lanfranc, a future archbishop of Canterbury. Her biographer tells of how she read narratives from the Bible to her husband, thus helping to 'civilise' him. He was illiterate, but so admired her reading, that he had her books decorated with gold and silver. She was also credited with helping her youngest son, the future King David I of Scotland, towards becoming a just and holy ruler.

Margaret introduced the worship and practise of the Church of Rome into Scotland. She also wanted to help the many pilgrims travelling in Scotland, and so she established a ferry across the Firth of Forth, which is where the towns South Queensferry and North Queensferry got their names.

Margaret performed many charitable works for the poor, and she interceded for the release of English exiles who had been forced into serfdom following the Norman conquest. She also began the restoration of Iona Abbey.

In private life, Margaret spent much of her time in prayer, using a cave on the banks of the Tower Burn in Dunfermline as a place of devotion and prayers. St Margaret's Cave is still there today, covered beneath a municipal car park.

Margaret died in 1093, and in 1250 Pope Innocent IV canonised her. Her relics were dispersed after the Scottish Reformation, but at one time Mary, Queen of Scots, owned her head.



### Benjamin Huntsman

If you visit Kelham Island Museum over in Sheffield, you can see a longcase or grandfather clock from the 1740s which was the first manufactured object in the world to contain crucible cast steel. It was made by clockmaker and steelmaker Benjamin Huntsman (1704-1776) Huntsman's work was crucial to the development of the steel industry in South Yorkshire and his influence spread worldwide.

Many readers will be familiar with Huntsman and his work but as the iron and steel industry has dwindled not everyone is so please forgive the 'back to basics', outline explanation. Huntsman was from a Quaker family of religious dissenters and became a clock, lock and toolmaker in Doncaster. He was always looking to improve the quality of his clock mechanisms to help make them more robust and accurate. He was also (according to Encyclopaedia Britannica) sometimes asked to carry out experimental eye surgery, presumably due to his expertise with precision instruments!

Huntsman used coke as opposed coal or charcoal to attain the high temperature required to melt blister steel and dissolve iron. Coke itself deserves a mention. It is a high carbon low impurity fuel created by heating coal without air which was ultimately widely used in steelmaking and more recently in heating houses after pollution controls were introduced. Huntsman's process created steel of a much more consistent quality than previously. The use of fluxes (purifying agents) also enabled impurities to be skimmed off. As Huntsman's steel was so pure it also needed less reheating and hammering by a blacksmith. That had previously been required to achieve a similar end. Indeed, it also meant that Huntsman's steel could be cast. That is where the liquid steel is poured into a mould which is then broken away or ejected after the cast object has cooled into shape.

Huntsman's crucible steel commenced the drive towards the mass production of good quality steel and was a key to the unlocking of Britain's potential as the first industrial nation. It is not surprising that our region became famed for it, especially in terms of cutlery, machines and tools.

Like many successful innovators Huntsman was less good at 'the paperwork' and failed to patent (legally protect) the invention of his process. His secret was copied by Samuel Walker (1742-1793) whose family-owned Walker Ironworks which famously produced cannons, some of which still sit outside the old Rotherham Town Hall. The method of the Walkers' discovery remains a mystery.

Huntsman's operations moved to Attercliffe in 1770 and he died in 1776. You can still visit his grave in Hilltop Cemetery by Attercliffe Chapel. He was succeeded in business by his son William.

It is important to keep knowledge and understanding of our local history and industrial heritage alive. Clifton Park Museum and the various Sheffield Museums fulfil that function very ably. Why not visit with the grandchildren during the next school holidays?

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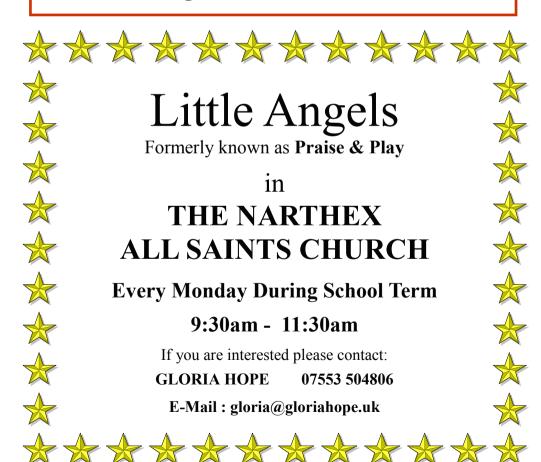
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#### MEDIEVAL HISTORY IN ROTHER VALLEY



William de Warenne

In June 2022, Rother Valley MP Alexander Stafford contacted me to say he would be speaking in the House on the importance of teaching Medieval History in Schools. He asked if I could send him a resumé of medieval history in Aston and Aughton. I sent it to him and on 4th July he spoke on it and sent us a copy of Hansard with the relevant debate.

When he began, he said "I rise to argue that we need to consider the teaching of medieval history in schools. Traditionally medieval history is seen as the period following the fall of the western Roman Empire in 476 AD to the start of the Renaissance, the age of discovery - a period spanning over 2,000 years. This period was one of the most important and turbulent times of human history, but this period is woefully neglected in our schools.

"Medieval history is all around us, in every single constituency and in most towns and villages, yet we do not readily recognise this fact. I look at my own constituency of Rother Valley, where we are rightly proud of our mining heritage. However, we rarely hear about our area's medieval history, though I must say that local groups such as the Aston - cum - Aughton history group do a sterling job of writing it. If my area wants to stake a claim to mining longevity, it must surely be my area of Rother Valley."



In Whiston, the mining of white stone was attested to in the Domesday Book, and many of our villages, such as Dinnington and Harthill, stretch back to Domesday and beyond. The owner of Firbeck Hall, Henry Gally Knight, was a Member of this House and a source of inspiration for the novel about the medieval knight Ivanhoe. Interestingly, Maltby in Rother Valley also boasts Roche Abbey, a medieval monastery that was later suppressed by the tyrant Henry VIII. Laughton - en - le - Morthen is home to Castle Hill, the remains of a motte and bailey castle on lands granted by William the Conqueror.

Anston also appears in Domesday as Anestan for North Anston and Litelanstan, for South Anston, potentially referring to a local feature known as 'one stone'. The local limestone was perfect for building and nearly 1,000 years later it was used to construct the very building in which we are currently debating - the Palace of Westminster. Nearby Lindrick Common is suggested by some as the possible site of the battle of Brunanburh, when King Athelstan overcame the Danes and became Lord of all Britain.

Elsewhere in Rother Valley, Aston was settled by Saxon invaders in the 5th century, with the village name meaning 'the settlement among the ash trees' or 'the eastern fortification'. Before the Norman Conquest, a man named Lepsi had a manor at Aston. After 1066, William the Conqueror gifted Aston to his son-in-law, William de Warenne.

In 1317, the village fell into the possession of the Archbishop of York, who held several leading positions in Government - Lord Privy Seal, Controller of the Royal Household and Treasurer of the Exchequer. The villages of Ulley, Aughton, Treeton, Brampton - en - le - Morthen, Todwick and Thurcroft were also all Saxon settlements in Rother Valley. There are so many constituencies across England. We all have medieval history in our bones and in our soil."

The Minister for School Standards (Mr. Robin Walker) said at the end of the debate 'It gives me great pleasure to congratulate my Hon. Friend the Member for Rother Valley on securing this debate. He has shown his great passion and knowledge of medieval history as well as his deep understanding of how history is interconnected - a crucial part of the work on a model history curriculum, which we are about to launch.'

Ann Key Secretary, Aston-cum-Aughton History Group



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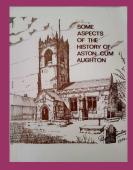
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## **Aston-cum-Aughton History Group**

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Contact

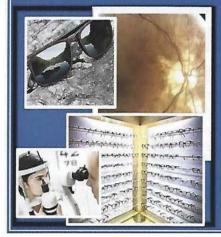
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for pensioners, carers and over 55's. See pg.23

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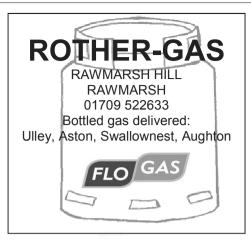
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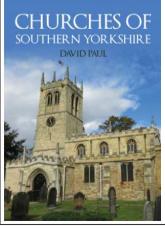
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