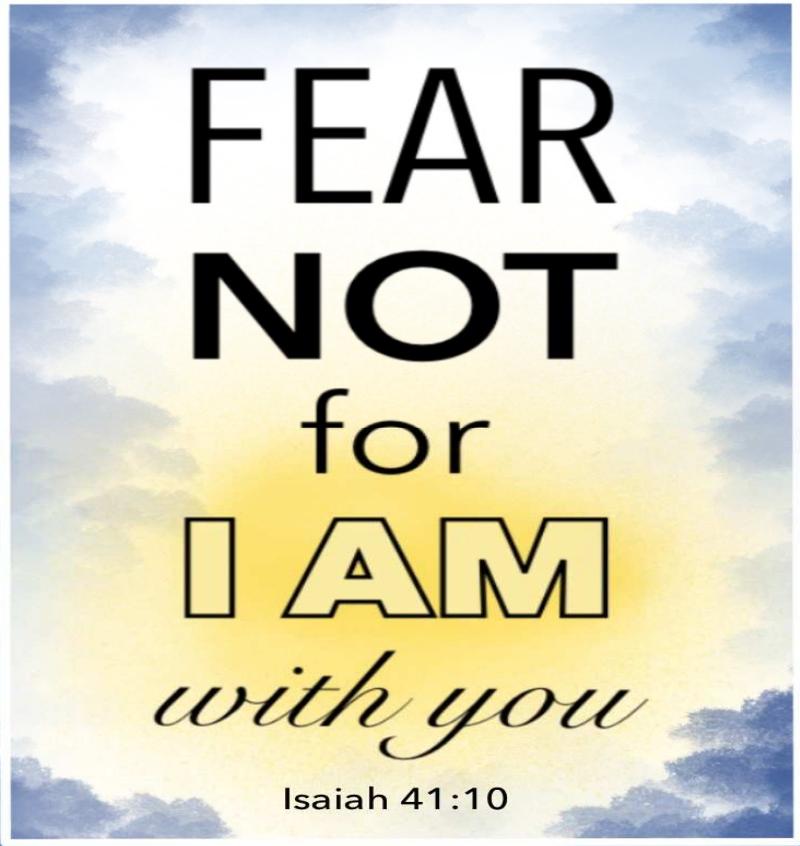


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Isaiah 41:10

May 2020

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Here is a prayer about doubting Thomas.

Jesus I haven't seen you with my eyes,
but I believe you are My Lord and My God

Jesus, I haven't touched you with my hands,
but I believe you are My Lord and My God

Jesus, I haven't heard you with my ears,
but I believe you are My Lord and My God

Peace be with you





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.



May our kindness be witnessed by all

When the things of the world seem so dark and so grim
When disease and despondency call,
Rejoice in the Lord and the nearness of Him –
May our kindness be witnessed by all!

When the pillars of life seem to crumble and creak
When our walls seem to tumble and fall.
In prayer and petitions our Father we seek –
May our kindness be witnessed by all!

The tempest may rage, but His wondrous peace
Stills the storms that may rage in our soul
In our hearts and our minds shall the turmoils cease
And our kindness is witnessed by all!

By Nigel Beeton

Heal them

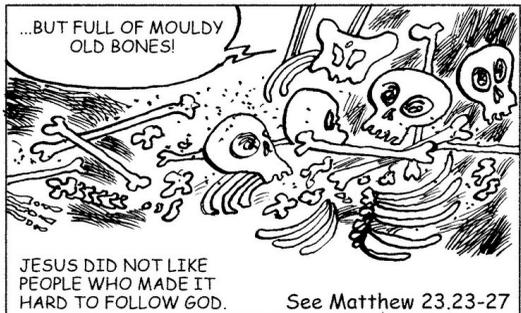
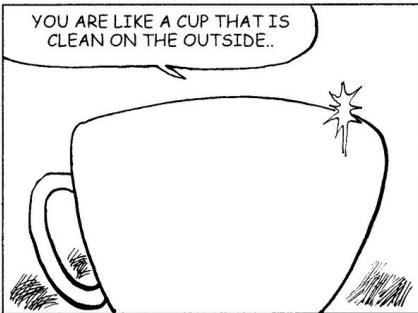
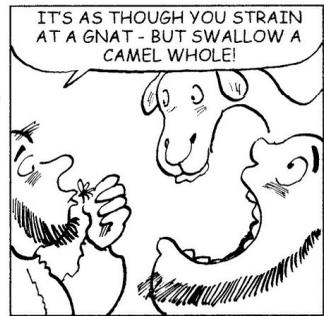
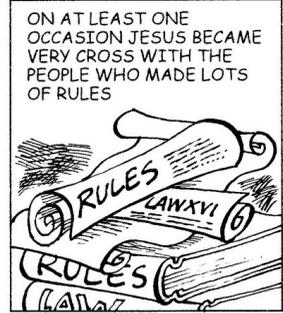
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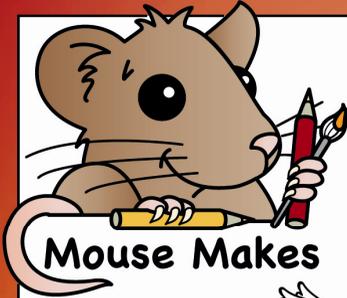
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How many other words can you find using the letters from:

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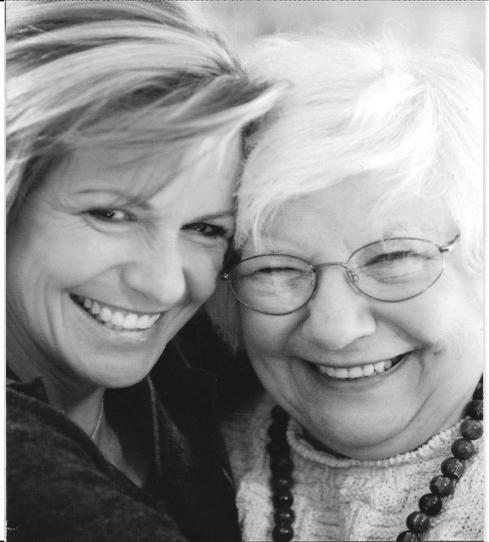
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Aston Church Porch



Local mothers and children leaving the church, probably in the 1950s or 60s.

Reverend George Kirk was Inducted and Instituted to the Rectory and Parish Church of Aston in June 1956. At the time the Church was in a dilapidated condition but the work of restoration had already begun. The Tower, its roof and battlements, replacement of decayed stones on the outside of the porch and the south side of the nave had been completed.

An organ (from St Oswald's Millhouses) had been installed the previous year. Nearly £2000 had already been spent. However, a great deal of work remained.

In 1959, Reverend Kirk wrote in the South Yorkshire Times and Woodhouse Express that with the help of two people they had stripped the south porch of the church of all its plaster walls and ceiling – part of the restoration work they were doing themselves. “In all we have shifted about three tons of dust and rubble. What can now be seen is the work of the earlier restorer. The porch was first built about seven hundred years ago, and of soft red sandstone.

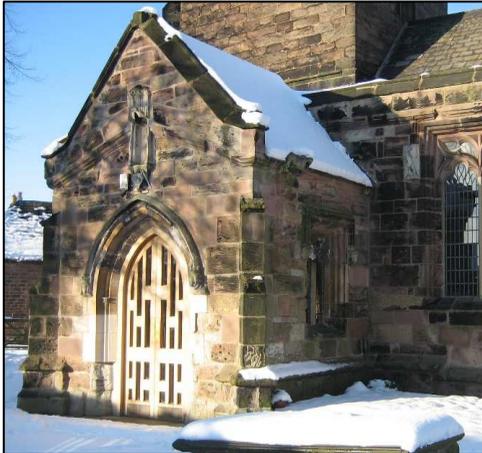
About two hundred years later this was demolished except for the bottom three feet. On this was built a new porch of limestone. A new limestone doorway was built in and decorated with very elaborate carvings, marks of which can still be seen.” The heads on either side of the porch entrance are believed to be King Edward III and Queen Phillipa. They were married in 1326 in York Minster by Archbishop William Melton, who was lord of Aston at the time.



“Three hundred years later (about 1750) the old sandstone was badly perished and it was decided to cover the walls with plaster and to erect a ceiling. This stood until a week ago (1956). Removal of the ceiling has revealed a very fine timbered roof, slightly infested with death watch beetle, but in fairly good condition. We cannot replace the old carving which earlier restorers smashed but, apart from this, we hope to restore the porch to what it was five hundred years ago. In those days it was the place where all public notices were given out, business deals transacted and, possibly, where such people as could read and write received their schooling. The cost of the work was £50.”

The stonework of the west window of the church porch was restored in December 1968 by John Hanstock, a local stonemason and at the same time sufficient stone was purchased for the restoration of the porch which was to be spread over many years.

In 1969 work was completed on the mullions etc. of the two windows in the porch and glass was ordered. Restoration of the arch stones above the capstones was also completed, together with ordering of stone to continue the work on the arch. The new windows were fixed in the porch by Mr Allen of York at cost of £72.



New stones and door photographed in January 2010

In 2009 further work was carried out to the porch, replacing some of the very worn stones in the outer arch and fitting a new outer door and again in 2015 when the profiled feature stones to the opening were replaced by Bonsers of Newark

Ann Key
Aston-cum-Aughton History Group



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.

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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
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our Church will continue into the future**



‘April is the cruellest month...’

With these words T.S. Eliot opened his modernist masterpiece, *The Waste Land*, in 1921. It was the aftermath of World War I and the Spanish flu pandemic. Millions had died. His poem brims with the pain, the trauma, the disillusionment and the death of that time.

Now it is April 2020. Eliot could never have imagined that nearly 100 years on, April might well become our ‘cruellest month’, when trauma and death stalk our land as the coronavirus pandemic is forecast to peak.

These are times unparalleled in any of our life experiences. In the words of the Psalmist, the ‘foundations are being shaken’.

And yet - as Christians we can lift our eyes from the turmoil and look up.

Please share some of the verses of Psalm 46 :

‘God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

‘Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea...

‘Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; He lifts His voice, the earth melts.

‘The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

‘He says, “Be still, and know that I am God...”’

Remember, you are not alone!

Let’s all take refuge in Him, as we seek His grace to cope with the many challenges which daily life is throwing our way at present.

Stay safe, stay well!





Letters from Uncle Eustace—On the perils of a Scout camp

The Rectory, St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren,

It seems that the basics of parish ministry are no longer taught in theological colleges. Don't you know anything about consulting your diary in public? When you are asked if you are free on a certain date, accepted practice is to open it so that the enquirer cannot quite see. You then shake your head sadly, saying you are committed to blessing a new tea urn, or on some other vital ecclesiastical activity that day. Then you regretfully give your apologies. You do not open the thing in full view of your enquirer, so he can see the blank pages! Really, it serves you right that you are now committed to going on Scout camp.

The last time I agreed to pay the Scouts a visit was when I found that there was a splendid restaurant only a mile away from their camp. I arrived and parked my car by the side of the river where they were all canoeing, wound down the car window and made encouraging noises for some minutes before explaining I had to find a garage for petrol.

Several hours later, after an excellent lunch, I drove to where they were now rock climbing, wound down the car window and made encouraging noises for some minutes before explaining that I had a standing committee to return to that evening. It was a splendid day.

You, however, will experience the charms of two days under canvas. Whatever site for your tent you choose, it will be the one that floods first. The early hours will undoubtedly find you wading about in water in the pitch dark, retrieving your sleeping bag and clothes - which you will then have to wear for the rest of the day. Watch out for the food, as well: all camp food contains grass and usually sheep droppings. This will make you ill, though for some reason Scouts thrive on it.

Whatever the weather and whatever activities you do each day, you will end up wet, chilled and bruised. At least your evenings will be warm, for you are bound to spend them at Casualty, with youngsters suffering from sprained ankles or dislocated shoulders.

My only advice is to use those hours in Casualty to practise the art of opening your diary in a way that only YOU can see it.

Your loving uncle, Eustace



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

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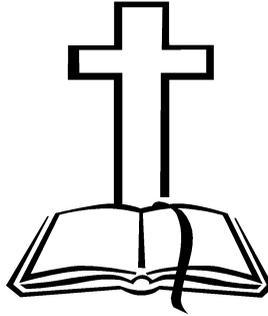
Lord Jesus Christ,
you taught us to love our neighbour,
and to care for those in need
as if we were caring for you.
In this time of anxiety, give us strength
to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick,
and to assure the isolated
of our love, and your love,
for your name's sake.
Amen.

Be our hope

God of compassion,
be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.
In their loneliness, be their consolation;
in their anxiety, be their hope;
in their darkness, be their light;
through Him who suffered alone on the cross,
but reigns with you in glory,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



From the Registers



Due to the Government's Guidelines on Lockdown
there have been no Baptisms or Funerals
at All Saints Church during April 2020

In His shadow

(Based on Psalm 91)

As we dwell in the shadow of Mighty God
We will know all the blessings that He will bring,
His faithfulness will be our shield
Under the covering of His wings.

Protected by His sheltering love
Our refuge we take in Him each day,
If we call on His Name His answer will come
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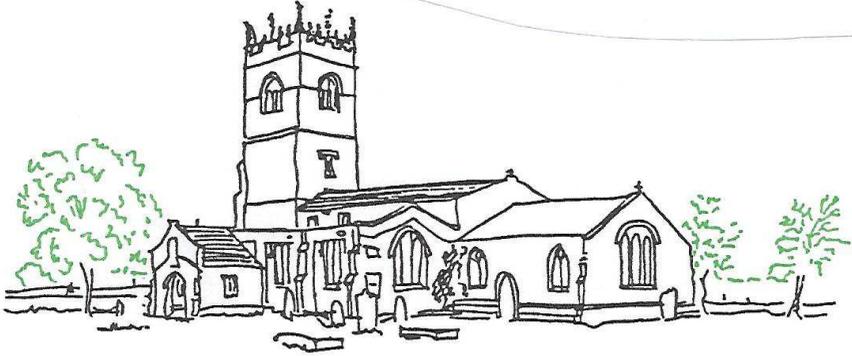
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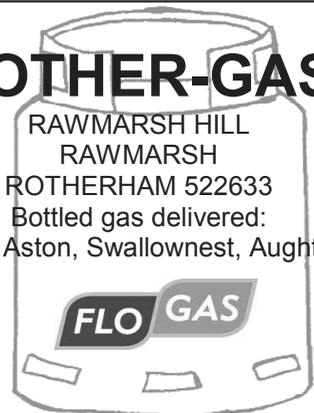
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