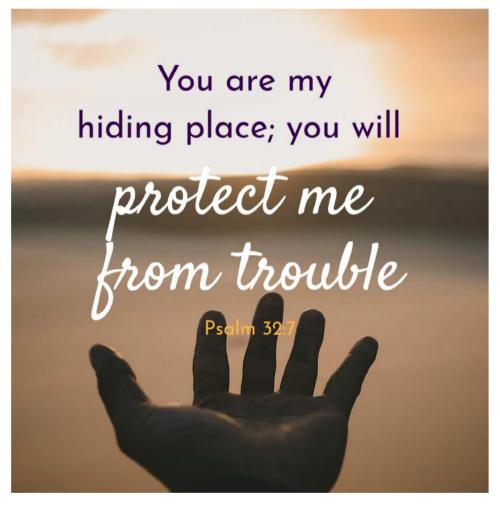
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Aston-Cum-Aughton with Swallownest and Ulley



August 2020

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SERVICES DURING AUGUST 2020

WEDNESDAY MORNING SERVICES

Said Services will be held in Church at 9.30am on Wednesday mornings, commencing 15 July, and will hopefully be mostly Communion Services. The Church will remain open after the Service for private prayer.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES

Commencing Sunday 2 August, a Said Service will be held in Church at 9.30am each Sunday and will be mostly Sunday Morning Worship with occasional Communion services should retired Priests become available.

Social Distancing means that we can only accommodate 25 attendees in the Pews and these places will be prioritised for the half of our congregation who cannot use Zoom and have been excluded during Lockdown.

Each Sunday Service will be followed by a ZOOM Service at 11.00am for the foreseeable future until Social Distancing allows a full return with music and singing is allowed in Church again.

The Protocols issued by the Diocese for enabling services in Church will be observed.

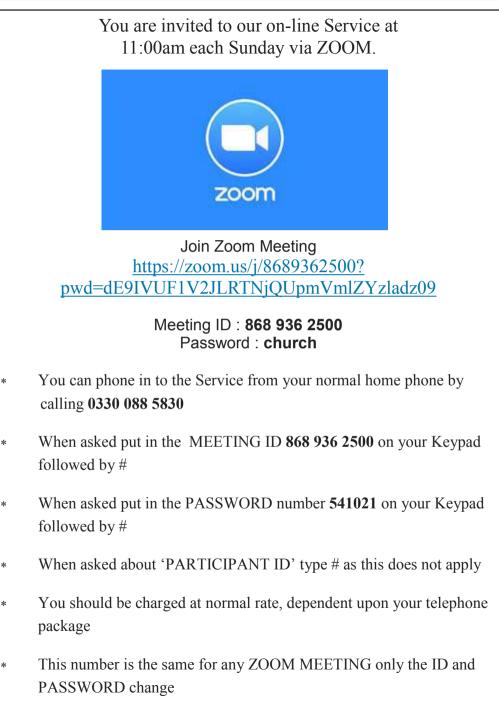
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5 AUGUST : ST OSWALD OF NORTHUMBRIA

Many Christians have dreamed of doing something spectacular for God, which would be remembered for centuries afterwards. Oswald, who lived from 605 to 642AD, was in a position to do so.

He was a King, whose father, Aethelfrith, was a great warrior who laid the foundations of the great kingdom of Northumbria. But Aethelfrith was killed by a rival, and Oswald was only 12 years old when he was driven into exile with his elder sister and two younger brothers. For their own safety, all were taken to Irish territory in the West of Scotland.

The three brothers were educated by the Christian monks on Iona. Meanwhile, warfare raged in Northumbria, and in due course the time came for Oswald to make a difficult decision. Should he remain in



safety, or return to claim his kingdom? In 632 his older brother led an expedition there to sue for peace, but instead he was put to the sword. It was a time of broken dreams and bitter grief for the young Oswald, who must have spent many hours in prayer before he decided to risk his life by following his brother south.

In his famous book, *The Ecclesiastical History of England*, Bede tells us that Oswald prepared to meet his enemies Cadwallon and Penda in battle on a December night at a place which is now called Heavenfield. His small army was likely to be outnumbered and victory seemed impossible. But that night, Oswald had a vision of St Columba, the founder of Iona. Columba prophesied that Oswald would be king, and reminded him of God's words to Joshua at the River Jordan, "Be strong, and of good courage... for you will be the leader of these people as they occupy this land."

Before battle commenced, Oswald made a rough cross from two young trees and held it upright until soldiers were able to fill in the hole around it. Then he led his army in a prayer that God would bring victory and deliverance to his people. He also promised that if they survived, he would send for missionaries from Iona to bring the Christian faith to Northumbria. Oswald's subsequent victory has become part of the region's folklore, commemorated by the name of that battlefield and the more permanent cross which now stands at Heavenfield. Many leaders would have regarded such a triumph as the high point of their career, advanced to the royal palace and quickly forgotten their promise to God. But Oswald remained faithful, and in due course St Aidan arrived in the new kingdom and made Lindisfarne the centre of his ministry.

Now it was time for Oswald to reveal a quality less frequently associated with kings, but even more vital to the spread of God's work. That quality was humility. As the sponsor and protector of Aidan, he could easily have imposed his own agenda on this new mission. Such a test came early, when Aidan declined Oswald's offer of resources at court in Bamburgh Castle, and chose the remoter location of Lindisfarne.

Not only did Oswald accept the monk's decision gracefully; he continued to spend many uncomfortable weeks on the road acting as Aidan's interpreter. His willingness to lay aside his kingly privileges and play second fiddle to a spiritual leader ensured that the Gospel spread quickly through the new kingdom and transformed many lives.

Within a few years, dark times returned to Northumbria. Oswald was slain in battle and his brother Oswin succeeded to the throne. Penda continued to wreak havoc with his marauding raids; on one famous occasion, Aidan watched him attack the royal fortress as he prayed on the Farne Islands, and it is written that his intercessions caused the wind to change direction and beat back the flames from the castle gates.

But through it all, the light of Christianity continued to flourish and grow. Aidan is rightly remembered as the missionary who brought the good news to Northumbria, but he could not have succeeded without Oswald, the man who was brave enough to claim an earthly kingdom, yet obedient enough to play a humbler role in advancing a heavenly one.

Prayer from the liturgy for St Oswald's day (5^tAugust), written by the Northumbria Community:

"I place into your hands, Lord, the choices that I face. Guard me from choosing the way perilous of which the end is heart-pain and the secret tear.

"May I feel your presence at the heart of my desire, and so know it is for Your desire for me. Thus shall I prosper, thus see that my purpose is from You, thus have power to do the good which endures."

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LORD OF THE MOUNTAINS

You, O God, are the Lord of the mountains and the valleys. As I travel over mountains and through valleys, I am beneath your feet. You surround me with every kind of creature... Open my eyes to see their beauty, that I may perceive them as the work of your hands... Tonight, I will sleep beneath your feet,

O Lord of the mountains and valleys, ruler of the trees and vines. I will rest in your love, with you protecting me as a father protects his children, with you watching over me as a mother watches over her children. Then tomorrow the sun will rise and I will not know where I am; but I know that you will guide my footsteps.

A prayer of the Sioux Indians

MORNING PRAYER

When morning in russet and saffron clad Is mantling the hills in a dew-soft plaid To the song of the moorland two-wings glad Let my heart upraise;

When light creeps in through the chinks of the door When the mist ascends from the mountain floor, When the ocean shimmers like burnished ore, Let me give thee praise.

O God of the morning, Christ of the hills, O Spirit who all the firmament fills, O Trinity blest who all goodness wills, Keep us all our days.

From Prayers of the Western Highlanders

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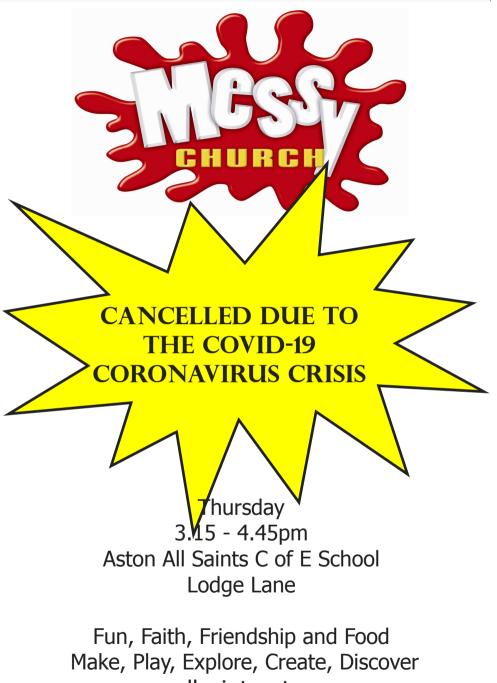
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Richard de Sourdeval and Hooton Pagnell

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After the conquest in 1066, King William rewarded the knights who had fought alongside him by giving them estates in England. Robert Count of Mortain was King William's half brother and received 797 manors, the majority in Cornwall and the south, but some in Yorkshire, including land in Aston.

In the Domesday Survey of 1086, the entry for Aston says "Richard has now there five villeins and one sokeman with two ploughs. It also says "There is a church and a priest". The Richard mentioned was Richard de Sourdeval. He was born about 1030 in Sourdeval, Normandy, France. He accompanied William the Conqueror to England in the train of the Count of Mortain and took part in the Battle of Hastings.

As well as Aston and Aughton he 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 Hotone meaning the "Town on the Hill" (now Hooton Pagnell) in 1089 and Matilda inherited the Manor from her father. He had received it from the King in 1088. Matilda married Ralph Paganel and the manor became known as Hooton Pagnell. They had four sons who died without issue and the land was divided between their sisters, Isabelle and Frethesenthe. Frethesenthe married Geoffrey of Luterel, the first of a long line of Luterels who had possession of Hooton until 1484.

Aston was managed by knightly families who owed allegiance to either Robert Count of Mortain or William de Warenne and their descendants until the 1300s, including Osbert de Arcubus, William de Cantilupe and Thomas de Aunby. It then passed to William Melton, Archbishop of York, in 1332.

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We visited All Saints church in Hooton Pagnell in 2017, having made arrangements for it to be opened. Hooton is a lovely village full of honey coloured stone cottages, which has not been spoiled by modern housing. The church, well worth a visit, was recorded in the Domesday Survey. Just like Aston church it was extended and altered over time but unlike Aston, it is a "High Church".

Unfortunately, there is no record of the death of Richard de Sourdeval or a named grave. However, standing in the tower room are two medieval grave slabs, brought in from the churchyard and one is engraved with an elaborate floriated cross and a sword entwined by a serpent. We like to think this may be his gravestone, but there is no proof.

Anyone who is interested in the origin of some of the unusual street names we have in Aston parish will recognise them in the names of the knightly families mentioned above.

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 main-tenance 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.

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

WHO WANTS TO BE A VEXILLOLOGIST?

By Chris Ward

I was watching the TV show Pointless the other week, and in one of the rounds contestants were asked to identify pastimes or leisure interests from the formal name of the activity. The contestants were given a list of enthusiasts for various activities and they had to try and identify what they were. The list of enthusiasts included philatelist, bibliophile, lepidopterist, numismatist, horologist, and vexillologist.

The contestants struggled to identify many of the pastimes (they did know that a philatelist collects stamps) and whilst I was mildly enraged at their lack of knowledge, I was not surprised that they did not know what a vexillologist is interested in. Indeed the answer was a pointless one which suggests that not many members of the general public know either.

Well, the answer is that a vexillologist is interested in flags. Like so many words in our mongrel English language vexillology comes from the Latin.

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Vexilla is the Latin word for a flag or a banner, usually with military connotations.



Before you start thinking that, despite lockdown, I need to get out more, I ought to say at this stage that I am NOT a vexillologist. However, I have nothing against flags, and indeed for the last however many years I have been the (volunteer) flag putter-up-and taker-downer for the church of All Saints, Aston. The duty went along with that of church clock winder, and as both of my sons were clock-winder one after the other it fell to my lot to help them. So I have been up the tower in all weathers over many years hoisting and taking down the flag. The clock winding is now automated, but sadly dealing with the flag is still very much a manual task, requiring a trip up and down the narrow circular staircase to the roof of the tower to sort. The marvellous 360 degree views from teh tower more than compensate for the effort however!

Churches in England usually fly the Cross of St George. An alternative is the local diocesan flag, but rarely, if ever, the Union Flag. This latter can be flown for military

and other national commemorations, but not at Aston as we don't actually possess a Union Flag! We always fly the Cross of St George and many readers will doubtless have seen it fluttering away at the top of the flagpole. Like so many churches, All Saints is built on the highest portion of land and as the flag is at the top of the pole on top of the tower, it is easily visible throughout the village.

Some churches seem to fly their flag throughout the year, whatever the season. At Aston however, we fly ours according to recommended protocol. That is to say we fly the flag from Christmas Day through to the feast of the Epiphany on 6 January. Then it comes down and it is not flown again until Easter Day. Some churches take it down on the following Sunday, but at Aston we let it fly throughout the period up to the Ascension, and on to Whitsuntide. We take it down then and usually fly it again for harvest festival, although this is not mandatory, and for the church's patronal festival (the saint's day of the church's name, in our case 1 November for All Saints' Day). Then down it comes again until Christmas comes around and the whole cycle repeats.

One of the reasons we fly the flag from Easter to Whitsuntide is that other dates when the flag should be flown are the queen's birthday (21 April) and St George's Day (23 April) both of which dates are nearly always after Easter. On the very rare occasions when Easter Day falls after either of these days, this would be an exception to the protocol that the flag is never flown during Lent. Nor is it flown during Advent. This reflects the penitential nature of these seasons, and also maximises the effect of the flag when it is flown. If it flies all the time, it can lose its significance. We also raise the flag on request for weddings, providing they are not n Lent or Advent.

In practice of course flying the flag has very little practical purpose. Yes, you can tell which way the wind is blowing, but I find it easier to rely upon the weather forecast for this. But people often comment upon how nice it is to see the flag flying, and perhaps it does stir one's spirit to see the national flag flying proudly atop the church tower.

Our flags last between 18 and 24 months as they take quite a battering especially when the wind is strong. Being good neighbours we always wrap the lanyard around the flag pole to stop it clattering against the pole and annoying the good folk of Church Lane.

Finally, if you thought the Cross of St George was red and white, think again! After but a few days flying the white of a new flag rapidly turns grey, and no amount of washing can restore its pristine state. Of course it looks white and that's what really matters I suppose. Somehow grey and red as our national colours doesn't quite work.....



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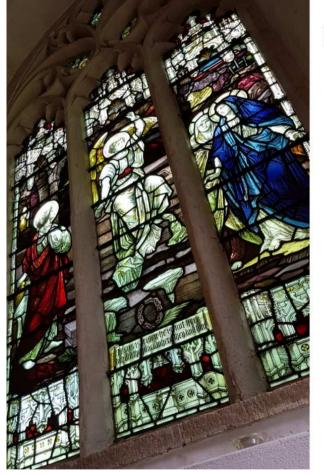
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Blaise Pascal (1623 – 1662), mathematician and scientist

From the Registers



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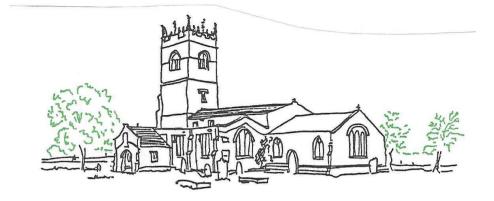
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If you are not yet in a network and would like a friendly call please email our Parish Admin Assistant Hazel on <u>office@allsaintsaston.com</u>

Give her your name, address, telephone number, E-mail and most important of all, your permission to pass this information to a local Team Leader.

Our daily prayers continue and we trust that you will stay safe and healthy.



REGULAR SERVICES

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS ASTON CUM AUGHTON

| SUNDAYS: | All Age Worship (1st Sunday of the month) | 10.30am |
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| | Parish Communion (2nd and 4th Sundays) | 10.30am |
| | Morning with choir (3rd Sunday) | 10.30am |
| | Evensong (1st Sunday) | 6.30pm |
| MONDAYS: | 'Praise and Play' (on 3rd Mon Ulley) (term-time only) | 1.30pm |
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WEDNESDAYS: Holy Communion 9.30am Children's group "Footprints and Fun" runs except on 1st Sunday.

THE PARISH CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY ULLEY

SUNDAYS:Morning Worship 1st Sunday, Parish communion 4th Sunday9.00amMorning worship 2nd Sunday Parish communion 3rd Sundays10.30am

When there is a fifth Sunday in the month, there is a Joint Communion Service for both churches in the benefice.

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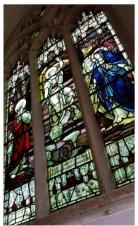
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