

***Our Parish***  
*Aston-Cum-Aughton*  
*with Swallownest and Ulley*

December 2021



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**HAPPY AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS**

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please tell the Editor 0114 287 5477*



## SERVICES DURING DECEMBER 2021

Further to the Government's lifting of restrictions on 19 July 2021  
the church will be fully open for services.

In line with Church of England Guidance wearing of Facemasks and Social  
Distancing are no longer compulsory.

However, the PCC advises that the use of hand sanitizers,  
the wearing of masks and social distancing measures will be accommodated  
during December 2021 where appropriate to protect the vulnerable.  
Holy Communion will continue to be bread only pending further guidance  
from the Church of England and confirmation of practice from the PCC.

All to be subject to constant revision as necessary.

A copy of the latest risk assessment is on display at the back of church.

### WEDNESDAY MORNING SERVICES

Said Services will be held in Church at 9.30am on Wednesday mornings  
and will hopefully be mostly Communion Services.

### SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES

A Service will be held in Church at 10:00am each Sunday  
and will be mostly Sunday Morning Worship with occasional  
Communion services should Priests become available.

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

### ACCESS TO THE CHURCH

Please remember that until further notice, no-one is to enter the church  
without the prior permission of one of the churchwardens.

For access at anytime please contact:

**Val Dixon 0114 287 3214**

**Chris Ward 0114 287 6733**



ALL SAINTS CHURCH ASTON



**CHRISTMAS**  
**FAYRE 2021**

AT  
1pm - 4 pm  
ON  
SATURDAY 27  
NOVEMBER 2021

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# ALL SAINTS ASTON SERVICES IN DECEMBER 2021

## **Wednesday 1 December**

9:30pm Holy Communion in Church

## **Sunday 5 December**

10:00am Holy Communion with Bishop Sophie in Church

## **Wednesday 8 December**

9:30pm Holy Communion in Church

## **Sunday 12 December**

10:00am Pop-up Nativity & Café Church at All Saints School

## **Wednesday 15 December**

9:30pm Holy Communion in Church

## **Sunday 19 December**

10:00am Holy Communion with Rev Peter Wright in Church  
6:30pm Carols by Candlelight in Church

## **Wednesday 22 December**

9:30pm Holy Communion in Church

## **Friday 24 December**

3:30pm Crib Service in Church  
11:30pm Midnight Mass in Church with Carols @ 11:00pm

## **Sunday 26 December**

10:00am Said 'Book of Prayers' Matins Service

*To join any Zoom service  
Meeting ID: 8 936 2500 Passcode: church*

**SOCIAL DISTANCING, HAND SANITISERS & WEARING OF FACE MASKS  
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# Holy Trinity Church Ulley Services in **DECEMBER**

***Sunday 5 December***

*9:00am Holy Communion*

***Sunday 12 December***

*10:00am Pop-up Nativity & Café Church in All Saints School*

*6:30 New Chamber Choir*

*Music & Readings for Christmas*

***Sunday 19 December***

*10:30am Holy Communion*

***Wednesday 22 December***

*4:30pm Family Nativity & Carols*

***Friday 24 December***

*11:30pm Midnight Mass*

***There will be no service in Church on Sunday 26 December***

## **WHO TO CONTACT AT HOLY TRINITY**

### **Church Wardens:**

Gwyneth Hodgson: 0114 287 2150, [Gwyneth.sampson@outlook.com](mailto:Gwyneth.sampson@outlook.com)

Sue Hubbard: 0114 287 3846, [suehermec@hotmail.com](mailto:suehermec@hotmail.com)

**Weddings:** If you want to talk about getting married, or to book your wedding please E-mail Hazel on [office@allsaintsaston.com](mailto:office@allsaintsaston.com).

Wedding couples can ring: 07934 101538

**Baptisms:** If you would like to arrange a Baptism please E-mail our Baptism co-ordinator, Gloria Hope on [Baptism@gloriahope.uk](mailto:Baptism@gloriahope.uk)

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## On the Peril of choosing New Kneelers

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St James the Least of All



My dear Nephew Darren,

After all these years, I now understand why the non-conformist denominations sit down, rather than kneel, to say their prayers. That way, no decisions have to be taken over the number, size, shape, colour, material and design of kneelers in church.

Our present set was donated by a retired Major-General in 1899 to celebrate the Relief of Mafeking, and after more than a century of use by the pious and not-so-devout has taken its toll. Like certain members of our congregation, they now look a little worse for wear. Many have sprung leaks, so that when used, a jet of flocking is emitted all over the clothes of their neighbour, who then leaves Mattins looking like a Yeti.

Other kneelers have been occupied by grateful mice, who find them most congenial for nesting and who leave in high umbrage, creating chaos as Miss Mapp chases them down the aisle with her umbrella; that this provides her with the perfect excuse to leave before the sermon is, I am sure, entirely coincidental. The final straw came when my own, by some quirk in its design, now sounds like a whoopee cushion every time I kneel. It may cause the choirboys much amusement, but it lends nothing to the dignity of our worship.

So, we have decided to have a completely new set – and therein lies the problem. Who makes them? What will be the designs? Who co-ordinates the whole project? There is enough here to occupy the combined minds of our Church Council for the next Millennium and there will be enough scheming, manoeuvring, signing of non-aggression pacts and formation of tactical truces to make the United Nations look like amateurs. Unfortunately, we do not have the ecclesiastical equivalents of the blue berets to enforce peace.

The more patriotic members of the congregation have suggested they all show the Union Jack – presumably so they can be waved at appropriate moments in our services; one belligerent individual wants to see depictions of St Michael slaughtering the dragon, John the Baptist's head on a platter and other such tasteful scenes; on the other hand, dear Miss Timmins wants them all to depict doves or small fluffy creatures, which would make the church look more like pets corner.

Cutting through these vital issues, I have suggested that the entire congregation converts to Roman Catholicism.... and then we could stand for our prayers and do without kneelers entirely.

Your loving uncle, Eustace



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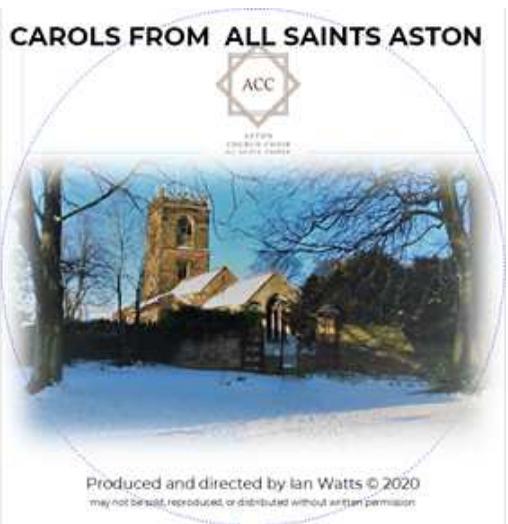
### CAROLS FROM ALL SAINTS ASTON

Many of you will know that Ian Watts produced a collection of our church choir performing Christmas carols in 2020. These were recorded in isolation and then mixed by Ian into a rather lovely CD.

**This CD is available to buy for £10.00 each with free local delivery, or £1.15 for postage and packing.**

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If you or anyone you know might be interested please contact Chris Ward 07949 186202.



# A Very Special Baby

JESUS WAS BORN ABOUT 2,000 YEARS AGO IN THE SMALL TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, NEAR JERUSALEM.



AN ANGEL HAD TOLD MARY SHE WOULD HAVE A VERY SPECIAL BABY.



...YOU MUST CALL YOUR BABY JESUS



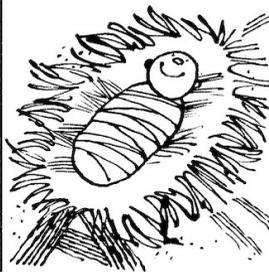
MARY AND JOSEPH MADE THE LONG JOURNEY FROM NAZARETH TO BETHLEHEM. THEY HAD BEEN ORDERED THERE FOR THE CENSUS.

BUT THE TOWN WAS FULL



THE ONLY SHELTER THEY COULD FIND WAS A STABLE...

...WHICH IS WHERE JESUS WAS BORN.



SHEPHERDS IN FIELDS NEARBY RACED TO SEE THE BABY



AN ANGEL HAD TOLD THEM WHERE JESUS HAD BEEN BORN.

WISE MEN CAME FROM THE EAST. THEY TOO WANTED TO SEE JESUS. THEY HAD BEEN GUIDED BY A STAR.



THEY BROUGHT GIFTS OF GOLD, FRANKINCENSE AND MYRRH.

BUT MARY, JOSEPH AND BABY JESUS SOON HAD TO ESCAPE TO EGYPT...



...AS KING HEROD WANTED JESUS DEAD!!



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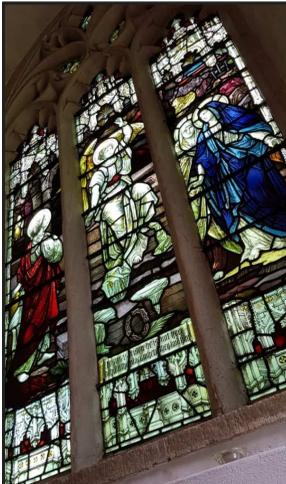


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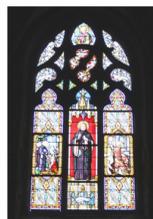
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the wedding collection  
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HYMNS OF THE WORLD



## **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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Contact details as follows:

Gift Aid Secretary : **Glyn Sands**

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Church AdminAssistant : **Hazel Winstanley**

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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**

### **ROTHERHAM FOODBANK**

You can leave donations in the porch at All Saints from 9.30am to 10.30am on Wednesdays and from 9.15am to 10.30am on Sundays.

They urgently need:

**Fruit Juice**

**Tinned Fruit**

**Custard Tins/Sachets**

**Shampoo**

**Toothbrushes/Toothpaste**

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**Small Jars of Coffee**

Any donations you can make will be greatly appreciated.

Please speak to Pam Taylor 0114 287 9221 if you would like more information.



## WILLIAM DRING AND MARY JANE DRING



Centre: Mary Jane Dring. Taken from a photograph of Methodist Sisters

Whilst recently researching on the British Newspaper Archive I found a cutting in the Sheffield Daily Telegraph of Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March 1923 concerning a fatality at Aston Colliery. “An inquest concerning the death of William Dring (21), a horse keeper at Aston Colliery, who lived at Aston Terrace, Swallownest, was opened yesterday at Sheffield.

“The young man died at the Royal Infirmary following injuries received while working at Aston Colliery. Evidence was given that Dring was injured by some tubs in the pit. He told his mother, Mary Jane Dring (widow) that some tubs “ran into him” and he “could not get out of the way”. He subsequently succumbed to severe internal injuries. The inquest was adjourned by the Coroner Mr. J. Kenyon Parker.”

The name Dring rang a bell with me and searching through my ring binder of newspaper cuttings about Aston I found what I was looking for. It was published in the Woodhouse Express but unfortunately the cutting had no date. It was about Mrs. Mary Jane Dring (mother of William above), Aston’s oldest woman, celebrating her ninetieth birthday. “She lived at 48 Aston Terrace and received 42 birthday cards, including one of the latest type of musical cards which plays “Happy Birthday”.

“Among the gifts she received was a grand iced birthday cake from the neighbours who hold this wonderful old lady in great affection. Roses and chrysanthemums decorated her table this week. The flowers were from her family. Her four daughters



and two sons were there for tea with their mother. Mrs. Dring has 16 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren. She is proud of being the head of a family of five generations.

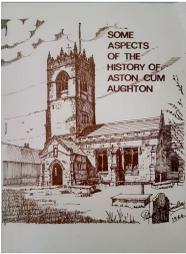
“Born in Clay Cross, Derbyshire, Mrs. Dring moved to Aston 47 years ago. She has been a widow for 37 years. Her husband, Mr. John Dring, was a carpenter at the old North Staveley Colliery. Age does not worry Mrs. Dring. She lives alone, cooks her food and does her own housework.

“She had a happy time on Monday with people coming in the house to congratulate her and with the postman coming with birthday cards, and her children coming to tea. “I do like a bit of fun” she told a Woodhouse Express reporter who asked her if she had enjoyed the family reunion. She added that she did not know how to thank the children for their thoughtfulness and kindness. Mrs. Dring’s pleasure was reward enough for the neighbours who learned anew that it was better to give than receive.”

Checking on the Ancestry website, I found that Mary Jane died in the summer of 1955 aged 92, so the cutting was dated 1953.

Ann Key

Aston-cum-Aughton History Group



## Aston-cum-Aughton History Group

is meeting again in the Reading Room on  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November, 7:00pm to 9:00pm.

New members will be welcome.

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR  
FROM ASTON-CUM-AUGHTON HISTORY GROUP





# **CHRISTMAS FUN SING**

AT  
ALL SAINTS CHURCH ASTON  
ON

**FRIDAY 3 DECEMBER 2021**

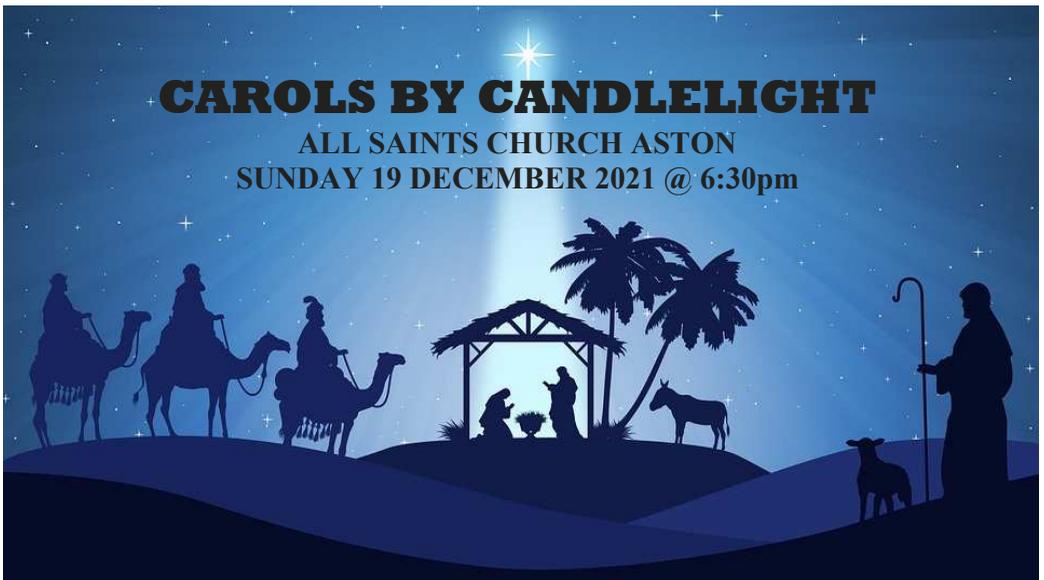
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# **CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**

ALL SAINTS CHURCH ASTON  
SUNDAY 19 DECEMBER 2021 @ 6:30pm



The feast day of your birth resembles You, Lord  
Because it brings joy to all humanity.  
Old people and infants alike enjoy your day.  
Your day is celebrated  
from generation to generation.  
Kings and emperors may pass away,  
And the festivals to commemorate them soon lapse.

But your festival  
will be remembered until the end of time.  
Your day is a means and a pledge of peace.  
At Your birth heaven and earth were reconciled,  
Since you came from heaven to earth on that day  
You forgave our sins and wiped away our guilt.  
You gave us so many gifts on the day of your birth:  
A treasure chest of spiritual medicines for the sick;  
Spiritual light for the blind;  
The cup of salvation for the thirsty;  
The bread of life for the hungry.

In the winter when trees are bare,  
You give us the most succulent spiritual fruit.  
In the frost when the earth is barren,  
You bring new hope to our souls.  
In December when seeds are hidden in the soil,  
The staff of life springs forth from the virgin womb

(St. Ephraim the Syrian (AD 306-373))



## THE O ANTIPHONS

Beginning Dec. 17 of each Advent season, and for the next seven days, a special antiphon known as an O Antiphon is read before the Magnificat during evening prayer or before the gospel at Mass. Sometimes called the Greater Antiphons, or the O's of Advent (because they begin with that exclamation), the O Antiphons differ from the daily antiphons because they herald the coming birth of Christ. Originally written in Latin around the seventh or eighth centuries, these special antiphons are verses extracted from the Old Testament prophets - namely, Isaiah - and express the longing for the coming of the Christ. In fact, the word "come" is used in every O Antiphon.

Each of the seven antiphons begins by addressing Jesus using an Old Testament title for the Messiah. These seven names or titles, all from the Book of Isaiah, are:

- 17 December - O' Sapientia (meaning O Wisdom), from Isaiah 11:2-3.
- 18 December - O' Adonai (O Lord or Ruler), 11:4-5 and 33:22.
- 19 December - O' Radix (O Root of Jesse), 11:1.
- 20 December - O' Clavis (O Key of David), 22:22.
- 21 December - O' Oriens (O Radiant Dawn), 9:1.
- 22 December - O' Rex Gentium (O King of the Nations), 2:4.
- 23 December - O' Emmanuel (O God with Us), 7:14.

It is widely pointed out that if you take the first letter of each Latin name and reverse the order — that is, begin with E from Emmanuel, then Rex Gentium and so on you will spell the word EROCRAS, which in Latin means "I shall come tomorrow."

- December 17:      O Wisdom,  
                         O Holy Word of God,  
                         You govern all creation with your strong, yet tender care.  
                         Come, and show your people the way to salvation.
  
- December 18:      O Sacred Lord of ancient Israel,  
                         who showed yourself to Moses in the burning bush,  
                         who gave him the holy law on Sinai mountain:  
                         Come, stretch out your mighty hand to set us free
  
- December 19:      O Flower of Jesse's stem,  
                         You have been raised up as a sign for all peoples;  
                         Kings stand silent in your presence;  
                         the nations bow down in worship before you.  
                         Come, let nothing keep you from coming to our aid



- December 20: O Key of David,  
O Royal Power of Israel  
Controlling at your will the gate of heaven:  
Come, break down the prison walls of death  
for those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death;  
and lead your captive people into freedom
- December 21: O Radiant Dawn,  
Splendour of eternal light,  
Sun of justice:  
Come, shine on those who dwell in darkness  
and the shadow of death
- December 22: O King of all the nations,  
the only joy of every human heart;  
O Keystone of the mighty arch of man,  
Come and save the creature you fashioned from the dust
- December 23: O Emmanuel,  
King and Lawgiver  
Desire of the nations,  
Saviour of all people,  
Come and set us free, Lord, our God!





## Who Cares?

As everyone knows there is considerable pressure upon every part of the care sector as a whole – NHS, home care and care homes. There have also been hundreds of (non-Covid related) ‘excess deaths’ at home each week for many months. I am writing this, from a home care perspective, at the start of November 2021 so I am not sure precisely what the position will be when you read it.

I am no expert on the NHS but the principal issues, leading to a general shortage of home care, will not change quickly. The Homecare Association’s research, ‘The Homecare Deficit 2021’ noted demand was already up by 11% by October.

The main reason is unmet need built up since March 2020 due to lockdowns. People were either unable or unwilling to access health and social care services during the pandemic. Many with chronic conditions have sadly deteriorated. Now everyone needs support at once. Complex international travel restrictions, introduced for a multiplicity of reasons, have also played a role in people not wanting to or being able to return to work in UK based care services.

My personal experience, from within the local home care sector, is that demand increased much more sharply than usual towards late summer 2021, accelerating as autumn turned into winter. There have been many unhappy stories, such as one on the BBC featuring a lady in Wales. She was admitted to hospital for a couple of days but was stuck there for four months. She only got home care when the family were finally advised she could pay a ‘top up’ over local authority rates which were too low of themselves.

70% of care at home is local authority funded – the remainder is privately funded. The Homecare Association found that some local authorities are paying care companies way below the amount necessary to even cover the basic hourly rate of pay for care staff at National Living Wage. ‘Areas with the highest levels of deprivation recorded the lowest average fee rates for home care. This increases the risk that poorer areas of the UK receive poorer quality of care, or experience higher levels of unmet need, exacerbating inequalities.’

An Age UK Campaign Report observed: ‘Everyone’s trying their best to care for a loved one but they’re often at breaking point’. And ‘Working out what to do and navigating the system is a nightmare when trying to arrange care...’ I concur with that. A close family member needed care in a care home recently in another area. I found the system opaque and sometimes felt I was actually being misinformed. But for ‘knowing my way around the system’ (after 30 years of negotiating bits of it) it would have been far worse. That is not what you need at a difficult time.

The Homecare Association unequivocally blamed: ‘inadequate central government funding of councils for social care.’ In many ways it is as much about societal values as anything else. The foundation of a caring, civilised society is in its values towards those in need and minorities. If we ignore the issues then they ultimately harm *everyone*. Words are not enough.

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Telephone 01709 837170 [david.coldrick@homeinstead.co.uk](mailto:david.coldrick@homeinstead.co.uk) All views his own.



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### **Aston Footpath Walkers Association**

*Local friendly walking every Thursday. Contact Mel Partridge on 0114 438 1493.*

### **Aston Ladies Circle**

*Meetings are at 7.45pm on Tuesday evenings in the Parish Hall or 'OUT' on trips.  
Contact Kath Hallam 01142872052*

### **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  
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### **Chatterbox Activity Group**

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

*Tuesdays 10am to 12.30, Central Methodist Church Hall, Lodge Lane, Aston. £2  
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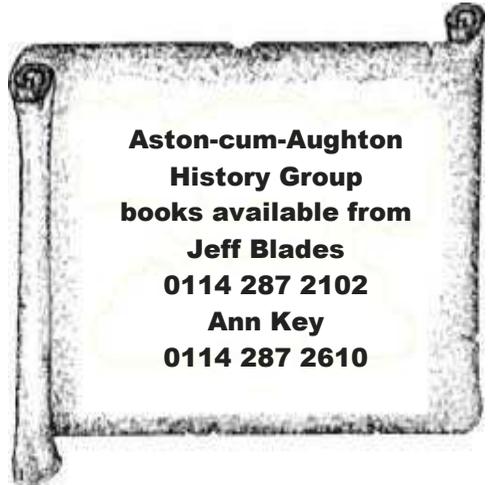
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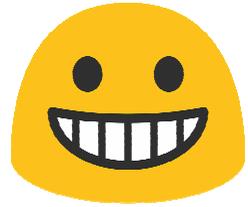
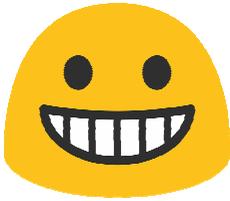


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Perhaps they believed that the dying sun could be enheartened by fire, and the life of the buried seed assured by the presence of evergreen branches.

With the advent of Christianity, the Spring gods became identified with Christ, and the birthday of the sun with the birthday of the Light of the World.

The early church father Tertullian did not approve of Christmas decorations. "Let those who have no light in themselves light candles!... You are the light of the world, you are the tree ever green..." But by the time of St Gregory and St Augustine, four centuries later, this had changed. Pope Gregory instructed Augustine not to worry about harmless outward customs, as long as the right God be worshipped through them. And so many Anglo-Saxon customs were never discarded, but simply endowed with a new significance.

By 1598 one John Stow of London wrote how: 'Against the feast of Christmas, every man's house, as also their parish churches, were decked with holme, ivie, bayes, and whatsoever the season of the year afforded to be greene.'

### Christmas Rush

That time again, my trolley's full  
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A turkey crown, a rib of beef,  
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Christmas crackers and serviettes,  
Paper for wrapping and cards to send,  
Nuts and oranges, figs and dates  
The list goes on, there seems no end.

In all this rush it's good to pause  
And think about that special Day,  
When shepherds watched and angels sang  
As a Baby lay in a bed of hay.

*By Megan Carter*





## 25 DECEMBER - THANK DICKENS FOR CHRISTMAS AS YOU KNOW IT.



Ever wonder where many of our Christmas traditions come from? A surprising amount of our modern Christmas celebrations can be traced back to the well-loved story of ‘A Christmas Carol’, by Charles Dickens.

When you read ‘A Christmas Carol’, you discover almost a template of the ‘ideal Christmas’ which we still hold dear today. Dickens seems to have selected the best of the Christmas celebrations of his day (he ignored some of the odd excesses) and packaged them in such a way as to give us traditions that we could accommodate and treasure – more than a century later.

So, for instance, in A Christmas Carol, Christmas is a family day, with a family-centred feast. In a home decorated with holly and candles the characters enjoy a roast turkey, followed by Christmas pudding. They give their loved ones presents. Scrooge even gives donations to charity (!).

And all the while outside, there is snow and frost, while church bells ring, and carol singers sing, and hope for mulled wine. In ‘A Christmas Carol’ there is even a Father Christmas – in the shape of Christmas Present. Only the Christmas tree itself came later, when Prince Albert imported ‘a pretty German toy’ that won the heart of the English court, and hence the rest of Victorian society.

### **MISTLETOE**

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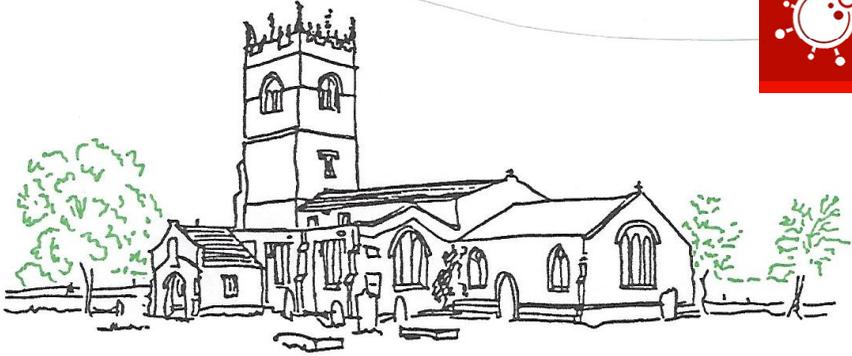
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	Evensong on ZOOM (To Be Arranged)	6.30pm
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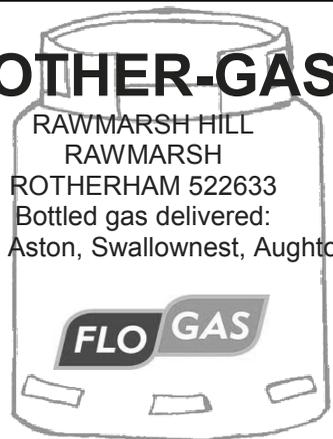
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