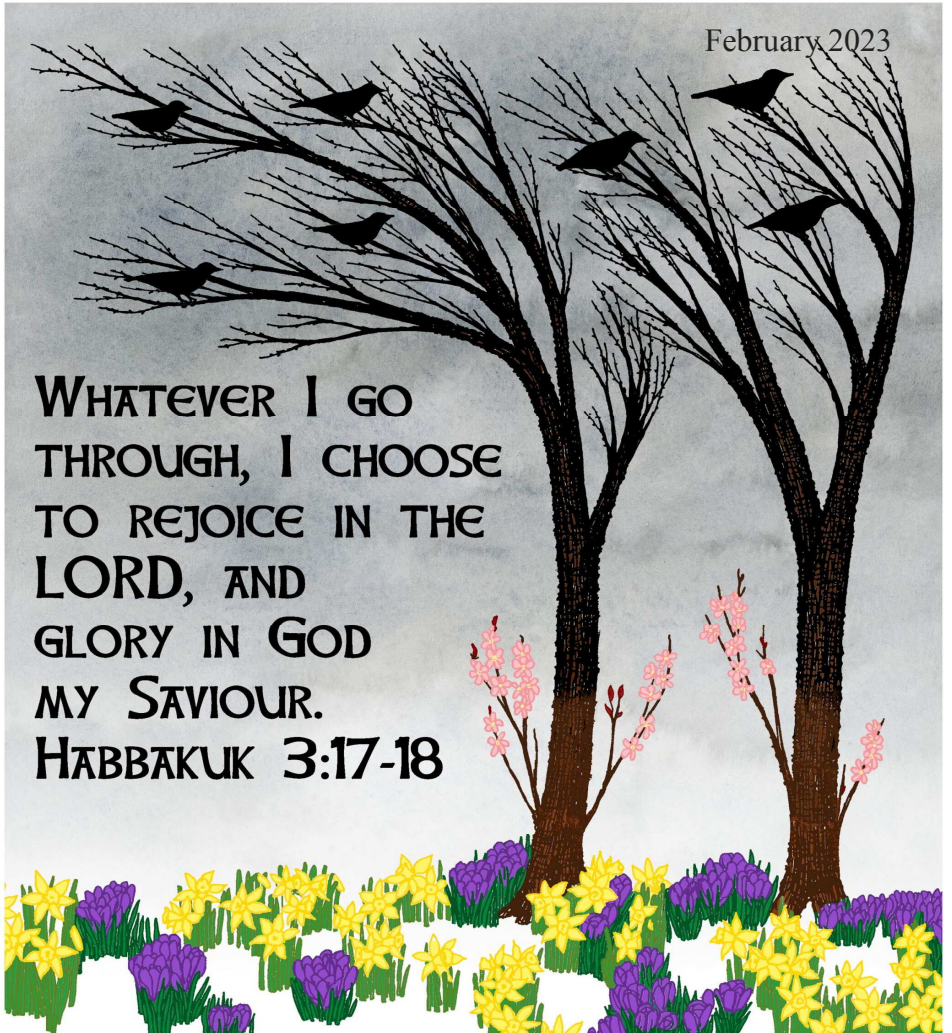


# *Our Parish*

*Aston-Cum-Aughton  
with Swallownest and Ulley*

February 2023

**WHATEVER I GO  
THROUGH, I CHOOSE  
TO REJOICE IN THE  
LORD, AND  
GLORY IN GOD  
MY SAVIOUR.  
HABBAKUK 3:17-18**



*If you would like to make a donation towards the costs of producing this magazine,  
please tell the Editor 0114 287 5477*



## **SERVICES DURING FEBRUARY 2023**

Mask wearing and social distancing in Church will be personal choice and will be accommodated to protect the vulnerable.

We shall continue to follow safe practice and recommend the ongoing use of hand sanitiser.

We have now reintroduced distribution of wine via the chalice on a voluntary basis. If you would prefer not to receive wine, please simply leave the altar rail after receiving the bread.

We hope to welcome increasing numbers of friends old and new back into Church for our services. If anyone at any time feels uncomfortable then please speak to one of the churchwardens.

### **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 **10:30am** 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**



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ON

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# ALL SAINTS ASTON SERVICES IN FEBRUARY 2023

## **Wednesday 1 February**

9:30am Holy Communion

## **Sunday 5 February - CANDLEMAS**

10:30am All Age Worship

## **Wednesday 8 February**

9:30am Holy Communion

## **Sunday 12 February**

10:30am Holy Communion

## **Wednesday 15 February**

9:30am Holy Communion

## **Sunday 19 February**

10:30pm Holy Communion

6:00pm Choral Evensong BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

## **Wednesday 22 February - ASH WEDNESDAY**

9:30am Holy Communion

7:00 pm Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes

## **Sunday 26 February - LENT 1**

10:30pm Holy Communion

6:00 pm Taize Service

**EVENING SERVICES ARE @ 6:00pm**

*To join any Zoom service  
Meeting ID: 868 936 2500 Passcode: church*

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# Holy Trinity Church Ulley Services in **FEBRUARY**

## ***Sunday 5 February***

*10:30am Holy Communion*

## ***Sunday 12 February***

*10:30am Morning Worship*

## ***Sunday 19 February***

*10:30am Holy Communion*

## ***Sunday 26 February***

*10:30am Morning Worship*

***All Services are now in Church and will be available on ZOOM  
Meeting ID : 751 676 3956      Passcode : 266293***

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

### **Church Wardens:**

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Sue Hubbard: 0114 287 3846, 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.

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

**Funerals:** To arrange a Funeral please speak to

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## On why Rural Churchgoers like to freeze in church

The Rectory  
St James the Least of All



My dear Nephew Darren,

Winter certainly exposes the difference between those of you who live in cities and us rural folk. While you bask in your centrally heated flat, with every modern convenience that could be imagined and complain about the half an inch of slush that makes your life so inconvenient, we country folk wear overcoats in our houses, open all doors and windows to let the heat in and battle through snow drifts, measured in feet, to get the morning paper.

Colonel Wainwright has acquired a new toy: a snow blower, of sufficient power that I believe it could clear the Antarctic. He kindly volunteered to clear the paths around the church. Working outwards from the church door, the path to the church soon became snow free. Unfortunately, he only realised when his job was complete that the blown snow then formed a five-foot drift under the lychgate. We now have to climb over the churchyard wall and negotiate buried gravestones before we can reach his pristine paths.

Miss Margison, ever meaning to be helpful, decided to unfreeze the pipes in the church hall. A blow torch was not the ideal solution, although the resulting burst did make some rather attractive ice sculptures round the kitchen equipment. The village badminton team that uses the hall has now temporarily changed sport, to ice hockey.

Inevitably, our congregation has soared these past few weeks. There is nothing like adversity for making people want to prove they have the moral fibre to overcome it. Much satisfaction seems to be obtained on discovering who has not dared venture out, which is taken as judgement on their strength of character. The Prentices upstaged most people by arriving on a sleigh. Mr Prentice was warmly wrapped in a travelling rug, while his wife pulled it. As her husband explained, he couldn't possibly let the pony work in such conditions.

What I momentarily thought was applause during my sermon was merely people keeping their hands warm and the hymns were drowned out by the stamping of feet. Our organist complained that the cold made his fingers so numb that he couldn't play properly – although I didn't notice that things were much different from normal.

No, my dear nephew, you continue to fret about your church heating dropping to temperate, and a few flakes of wet snow obliging you to close your carpark for health and safety reasons. We shall continue to triumph heroically over adversity and return home after Mattins, feeling we have proved our Christian commitment by being utterly uncomfortable.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace



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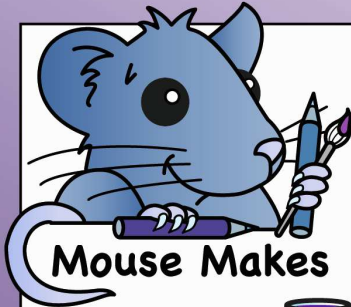
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## Mouse Makes

What did Jesus give thanks for and share?

Matthew 26:27

What did Jesus say this represented?

His \_\_\_\_\_  
Matthew 26:27-28

What was the special meal Jesus was preparing to eat?

Matthew 26:18



What did Jesus take, bless and break?

Matthew 26:26

What did Jesus say this represented?

His \_\_\_\_\_  
Matthew 26:26



Jesus instructed his disciples to continue to break bread and share the cup "in

of me."

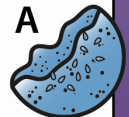
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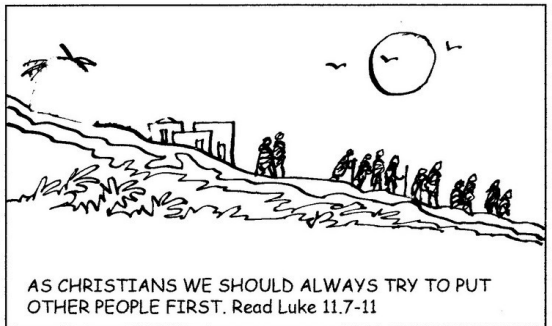
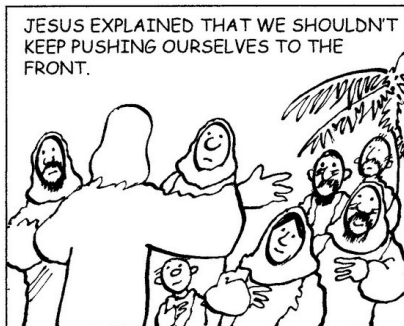
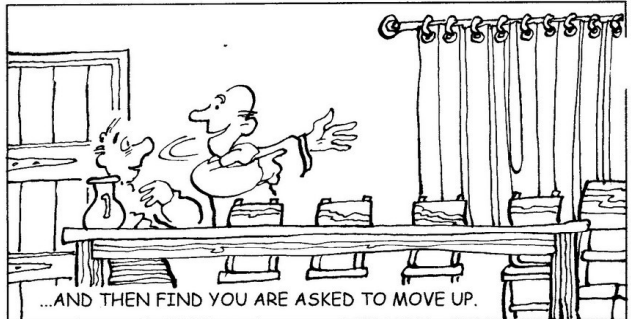
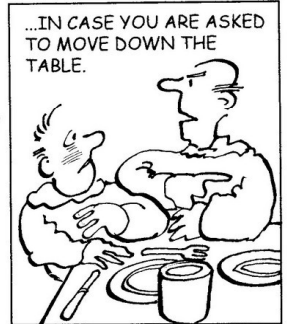
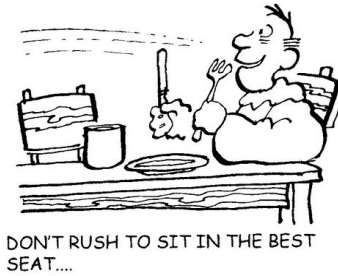
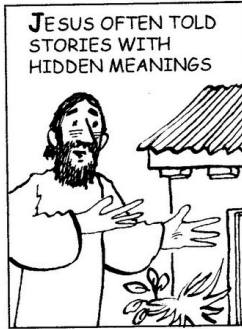


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Find the words from the questions too!







## Disturb us, Lord

Disturb us, Lord, when we are too well pleased with ourselves,  
When our dreams have come true  
Because we have dreamed too little,  
When we arrived safely  
Because we sailed too close to the shore.

Disturb us, Lord, when  
With the abundance of things we possess  
We have lost our thirst  
For the waters of life;  
Having fallen in love with life,

We have ceased to dream of eternity  
And in our efforts to build a new earth,  
We have allowed our vision  
Of the new Heaven to dim.

Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly,  
To venture on wider seas  
Where storms will show your mastery;  
Where losing sight of land,  
We shall find the stars.

We ask You to push back  
The horizons of our hopes;  
And to push into the future  
In strength, courage, hope, and love.

*Attributed to Sir Francis Drake, 16th Century*



## **A Plea to the Community of All Saints Church**

A warm welcome awaits you whenever you wish to visit our beautiful Grade 1 listed 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

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.

If you would like further information on how you can help by making a monthly bank direct debit donation, by weekly envelope contribution, or a one off donation to our church we would be very grateful for you to contact our Gift Aid Secretary or our Admin Assistant.

Contact details as follows:

Gift Aid Secretary : **Glyn Sands**

Mobile phone 07835 240870 or [glynsands@aol.com](mailto:glynsands@aol.com)

Church AdminAssistant : **Hazel Winstanley**

by email at [office@allsaintsaston.com](mailto:office@allsaintsaston.com) or phone 07934 101538

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.

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Any donations you can make will be greatly appreciated.

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



# ROTA FOR SIDESPEOPLE

FEBRUARY 2023

5	ALL AGE WORSHIP	Glyn Sands
12	HOLY COMMUNION	Paul Moakes & Gill Ward
19	MORNING WORSHIP	Ann Mason & Marjorie O'Neil
26	HOLY COMMUNION	Pauline Martin & Pam Taylor

## ALL SAINTS CHURCH ASTON



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most welcome to  
'pop in' for a warm and hot  
refreshments  
during the cold weather.



## 2nd February - Candlemas : Presentation of Christ in the Temple



In bygone centuries, Christians said their last farewells to the Christmas season on Candlemas, 2nd February. This is exactly 40 days after Christmas Day itself.

In New Testament times 40 days old was an important age for a baby boy: it was when they made their first 'public appearance'. Mary, like all good Jewish mothers, went to the Temple with Jesus, her first male child – to 'present Him to the Lord'. At the same time, she, as a new mother, was 'purified'. Thus, we have the Festival of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple.

So, where does the Candlemas bit come in? Jesus is described in the New Testament as the Light of the World, and early Christians developed the tradition of lighting many candles in celebration of this day. The Church also fell into the custom of blessing the year's supply of candles for the church on this day – hence the name, Candlemas.

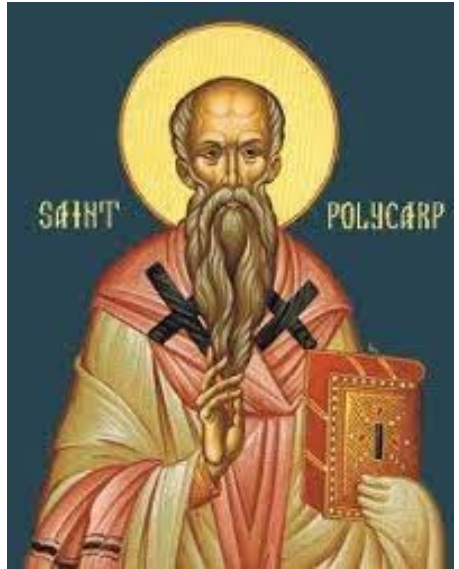
The story of how Candlemas began can be found in Luke 2:22-40. Simeon's great declaration of faith and recognition of who Jesus was is of course found in the Nunc Dimittis, which is embedded in the Office of Evening Prayer in the West. But in medieval times, the Nunc Dimittis was mostly used just on this day, during the distribution of candles before the Eucharist. Only gradually did it win a place in the daily prayer life of the Church.



## 23 February - Polycarp ; faithful servant who would not deny his Lord

Polycarp (c. 69 – c. 155) was one of the most important Christians in Roman Asia in the mid-2nd century, because of his link between the time of the Apostles and the earliest Christian Fathers. This disciple of John the Apostle became bishop of Smyrna and defended orthodox Christian belief against the heresies of Marcion and Valentinus, the most influential of the Gnostics. Irenaeus of Lyons, who as a boy had known Polycarp, praised his gravity, holiness and majesty of countenance.

Near the end of his long life, Polycarp paid a visit to Rome to discuss with the bishop there the possibility of agreeing a uniform date of celebrating Easter. When they found they could not agree, they amicably agreed to differ, and parted in good faith.



Polycarp returned to Smyrna, where a riot broke out at a pagan festival. The crowd suddenly turned on the Christians, whom they called ‘atheists’. Polycarp was on a farm nearby, neither provoking nor fleeing martyrdom. When his captors arrived, he invited them to eat a meal, while he prayed alone for an hour. Then calmly, he agreed to go with them to his interrogation.

All the pagans’ threats and promises did nothing to shake Polycarp. When ordered to execrate Christ, Polycarp gave this dignified reply: “For 86 years I have been his servant and He has never done me wrong; how can I blaspheme my king who saved me?... I am a Christian: if *you* wish to study the Christian doctrine, choose a day and you will hear it.”

The crowd were outraged and cried first for the lions and then for Polycarp to be burnt at the stake. He was bound, but an official killed him with his sword before his body was burnt. Later, grieving Christians collected his bones and buried them. They also wrote an account of his trial and martyrdom, which is the earliest authentic example of its kind.

In England there are no ancient and only a few modern churches dedicated to this deeply courageous saint of the Christian Church.





## 27 February - George Herbert Priest & Poet

If we were to name someone prominent from the 17th century, we might mention Rembrandt or Shakespeare. It is unlikely we would remember George Herbert. However, he was a prolific writer, a gifted speaker and musician. His hymns are still sung today.

Herbert was born into a wealthy family in Mid-Wales on 3rd April 1593. His father was a Member of Parliament who died when Herbert was three years old. His mother moved her large family to London where, aged 12, Herbert entered Westminster School. In 1609, his mother remarried, and Herbert left home to be a student at Trinity College, Cambridge.



By the age of 23, Herbert had graduated with two degrees. He was fluent in Latin and Greek and in 1620 was elected as the University's Public Orator. He held this position for seven years, and for a short time was MP in his hometown in Wales.

Although Herbert was securing an illustrious future and his speeches had gained the attention of King James I, he was restless. He felt God was calling him to the priesthood and much of Herbert's poetry expressed his inner spiritual conflicts.

When the King died in 1625, and two influential patrons also died at about the same time, Herbert responded to God's call on his life and gave up his secular ambitions. He married in 1629 and became a priest in a small Anglican church in Bemerton in Wiltshire.

Here he found inner peace at last, serving God in the local community. His poetic talent continued to flourish along with his musicianship as a skilled lutenist. After only three years as a priest, he died of tuberculosis on 1<sup>st</sup> March 1633. He was 39. Some ninety of Herbert's poems have been set to music by such composers as Ralph Vaughan Williams and Benjamin Britten. His most well-known hymns are Teach me my God and King, Let all the world in every corner sing and King of glory, king of peace.

A number of artistic commemorations of Herbert exists in several churches and cathedrals including a stained-glass window in Westminster Abbey and a statue at the front of Salisbury Cathedral.



## Suicide Prevention – Ripple

‘Never never never give up.’ Winston Churchill (1874–1965) might not immediately come to mind as being susceptible to suicide. Churchill was the most important world leader in WW2 and as irascible as he was self-assured but said: ‘I don’t like standing near the edge of a platform when an express train is passing through. I like to stand back and, if possible, get a pillar between me and the train. I don’t like to stand by the side of a ship and look down into the water. A second’s action would end everything. A few drops of desperation.’ (Churchill from the diaries of Lord Morgan – Berg - 1976)

Churchill had manic depression entering periods of what he called ‘black dog’ lasting months. He wrote to his wife Clementine in 1911 ‘[Black dog] seems quite away from me now – it is such a relief. All the colours come back into the picture.’ During depressive phases he became paralysed by despair spending time in bed, energy less and disinterested. He was a man who loved champagne and chocolate but at such times he even lost his appetite for that and was unable to concentrate. Only those close to him knew.

Other people feel the same despair Churchill had, and maybe more but have different mental health issues which nobody is aware of. They often start searching the internet. There are 1.2 million searches of ways for people to take their own lives in the UK each month. The number of deaths attributed to suicide-related internet use is 13% in 20-24 year olds. Male suicide in 2020 reached its highest level for decades (ONS) People in silent crisis can search from any device whilst at home, school or work.

### What can be done?

Alice Hendy lost her brother Josh to suicide in 2020. He was 21. Josh had sought techniques for taking his own life via harmful internet searches. Alice determined to help prevent this from happening and established the Registered Charity ‘Ripple’ <https://www.ripplesuicideprevention.com/> Alice is an IT specialist and developed an online pop up box for anyone using online search engines to seek means of self-harm or suicide. It intercepts content relating to self-harm or suicide without storing personally identifiable details or tracking data, helping all users to get an opportunity based upon hope that things can and will get better. It encourages the use of such mental health support from charities and elsewhere as works for the user: helplines, text services, webchats, self-help apps and pocket resources.

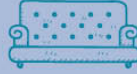
Ripple is free of charge to the public and can be used on staff PCs, laptops and tablets supplied to employees. It can provide extra peace of mind to parents whose children use devices and employers. The business aspect is charged for to help fund the development of the technology. Many businesses, including the NHS in some areas have already signed up. Ripple is discrete and immediate crisis intervention supplementing established well-being processes for schools, colleges or work as well as at home. Ripple is well worthwhile investigating and may help save lives.

**David Coldrick is owner of Home Instead Rotherham 34 Moorgate Road S60 2AG. Telephone 01709 837170 [david.coldrick@homeinstead.co.uk](mailto:david.coldrick@homeinstead.co.uk) All views are 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 7.15pm 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  
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Contact : Val on 0114 287 3214*

### **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  
Transport available. Extra help always welcome. Contact Janet on 07989 370593*

### **Dinnington & District Horticultural Society**

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## The Paschal Candlestand in Aston Church



Father Ian Jennings with sisters Jill and Joava Memmott lighting the candle.

The Aston-cum-Aughton History Group have had contact with the Memmott family of the USA since they first got in touch in 2008 to ask if there were any Memmott graves in the churchyard at Aston. Unfortunately there are no gravestones, although it is likely that there are many Memmotts buried there. I promised them we would find out what we could and immediately began research. The earliest Memmott we found in the records was Francis Memmott who was born in Handsworth in 1700 and moved to Aston in 1736. He was a shoemaker. He married and his son William was born in 1743. This William, also a shoemaker, married Elizabeth Fowler in 1768 and had seven children.

William became Parish Clerk in 1781 at the age of 38 and held the job for 45 years. He received £5 a year and according to the entries in the Churchwarden's account book, he never had an increase in pay in those 45 years. However, he also received one guinea a year for playing the organ in church and 7s. 6d. for washing the surplices – although I'm sure it was his wife who did that job!

William's son Thomas married Sarah Wilden in 1812 and his son William married Ann Wilson in 1836. William and Ann had 9 children. It was this William and Ann who emigrated to America, along with their sons Thomas, John William, James and daughter Sarah Ann. They had been baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormons) and the family soon rose to prominence, with William eventually being appointed President of the Sheffield Conference whilst eldest son Thomas was ordained an elder in 1859.

(1870-1849) Parish Clerk for 22 years.



William's brother John and family left Sheffield for America on 16th April 1855. William and Ann and family left on 20th April 1861, taking with them their son Thomas's pregnant wife and two children. Thomas stayed behind to earn a little more money and then left on 9th May 1862. They were all reunited near Salt Lake City in Utah on his arrival on 30th September 1862.

I sent this information to Jill Olsen Memmott, who had contacted me, and she was so pleased and said it made her ancestors come alive. The Memmotts have an annual gathering in August in Utah and from the family emigrating in 1861 there are about 500 of them. The result of this contact was a visit by 32 members of the family in 2008. We showed them around Aston and also took them to Sheffield Archives so that they could search through the old registers of births, marriages and burials.

During the visit they invited me to join them at their reunion in August 2008 and I went over with Elizabeth and Brian Mears, also members of the history group, and enjoyed their hospitality for two weeks and then gave a talk at the reunion about the history of the Memmotts here in Aston and their journey to Utah.

Since then, members of the family have made several visits to Aston, but the most memorable was their visit in May 2010. They had been in correspondence with Father Ian Jennings about presenting to the church a Paschal Candlestand as a memorial to William and Francis Memmott who had been Parish Clerks for 67 years. The stand was designed by Andrew Wiles, church architect based in York. He suggested it be a combination of black metal and wood. It would make a statement that would reference the altar candles and the distinctive wood design of the font cover. This was agreed with the Memmott family. The drawing of the candle stand was pinned on the notice board at the back of the church so that all could see the design. Father Ian said that the people of the church were fascinated by the historical connection and touched by this gesture by the Memmotts.

All the arrangements were made and fourteen members of the Memmott Family from the USA joined us in the Reading Room on Saturday, 15th May 2010. They had begun the day at Rotherham Minster where we had arranged for the Verger to show them around. They arrived in Aston at 11.15 am and we began with a short presentation on Aston at the time of the Memmotts. We had lunch in the Blue Bell and then returned to the Reading Room for a second presentation on the Memmott Family and their emigration to Utah. We then walked through the village and into the church for a short talk on its history. Our final visit was to Anston St. James church where one of the Memmott wives had been baptised.

We all returned to Aston church on Sunday 16th May for a dedication service by Father Ian. During the service, sisters Jill and Joava Memmott lit the candle and Bill Memmott gave a short address. After the service, the Memmott family joined the congregation for a buffet in the Narthex.



The Memmotts were very pleased with the service and thanked us very much for all our help in organising their visit. They promised to return and they have – several times!

Two plaques in commemoration were put in the church.

The plaque in the vestry reads:

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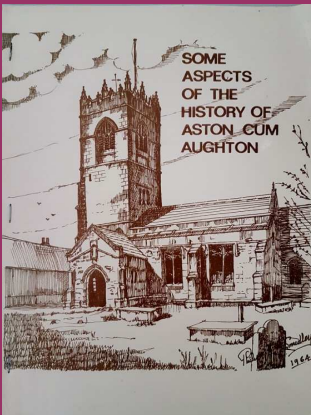
The Paschal Candlestand, designed by Andrew Wiles,  
Was the gift of the Memmott Family  
Many of whose ancestors are buried in All Saints Churchyard.  
William and Francis were Parish Clerks here for 67 years.  
Two descendants emigrated to the USA.  
The family is now primarily located in Utah..

The plaque in the Church reads:

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This Paschal Candlestand was the gift of the Memmott  
Family as a memorial to:  
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FRANCIS MEMMOTT

Ann Key Secretary,  
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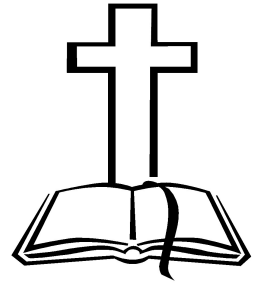




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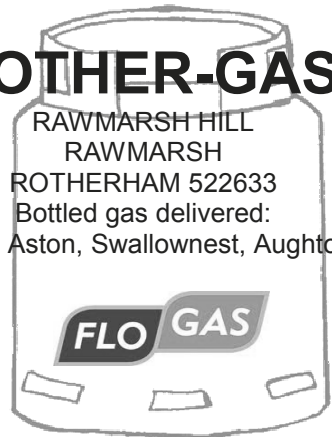
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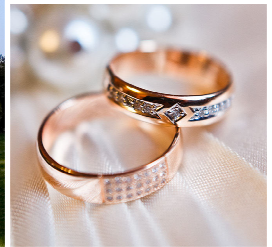
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