

Our Parish

*Aston-Cum-Aughton
with Swallownest and Ulley*

March 2023

*When the water was over
my head, I cried out
to You*

*You answered my prayer when I needed You
You rescued me and
saved my life
Lam 3:54,58*

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



SERVICES DURING MARCH 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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AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH ASTON

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ALL SAINTS ASTON SERVICES IN MARCH 2023

Wednesday 1 March

9:30am Holy Communion
Followed by LENT COURSE in the Narthex

Sunday 5 March

10:30am All Age Worship

Wednesday 8 March

9:30am Holy Communion
Followed by LENT COURSE in the Narthex

Sunday 12 March

10:30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 15 March

9:30am Holy Communion
Followed by LENT COURSE in the Narthex

Sunday 19 March - MOTHERING SUNDAY

10:30pm Morning Worship
6:00pm Choral Evensong with Choir of St Albans Wickersley

Wednesday 22 March

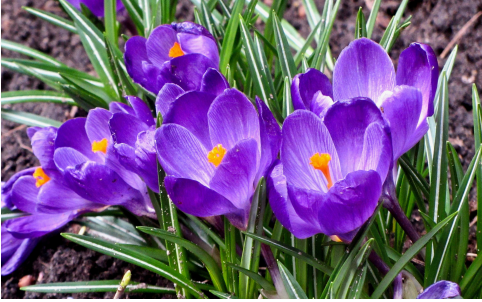
9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 26 March - PASSION SUNDAY

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*



Holy Trinity Church Ulley Services in MARCH

Sunday 5 March

9:00am Holy Communion

Sunday 12 March

10:30am Morning Worship

Sunday 19 March - MOTHERING SUNDAY

10:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 26 March

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:

Gwyneth Hodgson: 0114 287 2150, Gwyneth.sampson@outlook.com

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 the Perils of moving from City to Country

The Rectory
St James the Least of All



My dear Nephew Darren,

Those parishioners of yours who won millions on the Lottery and moved into this parish have created quite a stir. It was perhaps a little unwise of them to tell everyone the reason why they had become so wealthy. While most of our parishioners also do the Lottery, few would ever admit it in public. (Since your friends arrived, the entire PCC is buying ever more lottery tickets, but from the shop in the NEXT village, to try and keep it secret.) However, your family still has much to learn about our country ways. Buying the old Dower House was impressive; and spending a small fortune re-stocking the gardens was certainly commendable. But someone should have told them about installing cattle grids. It must have been quite a shock for them to wake up one morning and find the thirty sheep from the neighbouring field had wandered in for breakfast.

Their brand-new purple Ferrari has certainly brightened up the country lanes around here. The noise it makes as it roars up behind you quite quickens the pulse. Mrs Beamish had been suffering with low blood pressure for months; she says she is quite cured now. The Colonel, who is all for the community supporting the church, then asked if the newcomers would drive the bishop around on the day he came to do his tour of the parish. The Colonel thought that an open-topped purple Ferrari would make a great bishop-mobile; and the newcomers were so kind to agree. What a shame that they decided to accomplish the several miles of parish lanes in record time: the bishop barely even saw the several farmers that they nearly ran down. His new nickname in this parish is: The Purple Peril.

The newcomers have installed security lighting, which is understandable. But now I wonder how much sleep they are getting, as the rabbits, foxes, and badgers who live in their grounds keep it flood-lit for much of the night. Meanwhile, the Colonel is grumbling about the effect of light pollution on his young pheasants in the woods nearby.

But these little inconveniences apart, I am sure they will soon feel at home. I feel confident that by the third generation, they will be properly settled in.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace



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SENTINEL WINDOW SERVICES

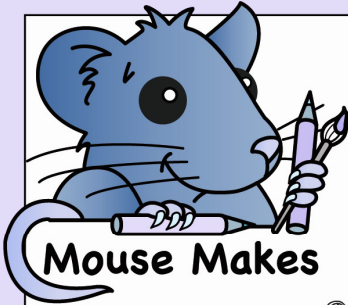
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- ISAAC
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- JACOB
- TIMOTHY
- JOSEPH
- SAMUEL
- JOHN
- ELIZABETH
- HANNAH
- RACHEL
- REBEKAH
- EVE
- MARY
- SARAH
- EUNICE

Look up the Bible verses then find the answers and the names below in the word search



- REBEKAH
- ELIZABETH
- EUNICE
- RUTH
- MARY
- RACHEL
- LEAH
- ZIPLAH
- MOTHER
- MUM

BIBLE MOTHERS

Who had two sons called Cain and Abel?

_____ Genesis 4:1-2

Who was 90 years old when she had her son Isaac?

_____ Genesis 17:19

Whose prayers for a child were answered by God?

_____ 1 Samuel 1:20

Who was Ruth's Mother-in-Law?

_____ Ruth 1:1-5

Eunice was Timothy's mother, but who was her mother?

_____ 2 Timothy 1:5

Who saved her baby by putting him in a basket in the river?

_____ Exodus 6:20

Look up the Bible verses and find out who the Bible mothers are.



M _____ Matt 1:16

O _____ 2 Tim 1:5

T _____ 1Kings 1:11

H _____ 1 Sam 1:20

E _____ Gen 34:1

R _____ Gen 30:22



How many other words can you make from:

MOTHERING SUNDAY



E E L O I S Z I L A M J H
 U V N Z M A R Y Z U O Z R
 N E A D U R U T H L T I A
 I J O C H A B E D E H L C
 C I M B J H M U M A E P H
 E L I Z A B E T H H R A E
 R E B E K A H A N N A H L



The
Tale of the
**TWO MEN
SAYING
THEIR
PRAYERS**

**JESUS OFTEN TOLD
STORIES WITH
HIDDEN MEANINGS**



**ONE WAS ABOUT TWO MEN WHO
WENT TO THE TEMPLE TO PRAY**



**ONE WAS A PHARISEE
(A MAN A BIT LIKE A PRIEST)**

**THE OTHER WAS A TAX
COLLECTOR. (NOT A POPULAR
MAN IN JESUS' DAY!).**



**THE PHARISEE BEGAN
TO PRAY**



**WHAT A GREAT CHAP I
AM! I NEVER DO
ANYTHING WRONG!!**



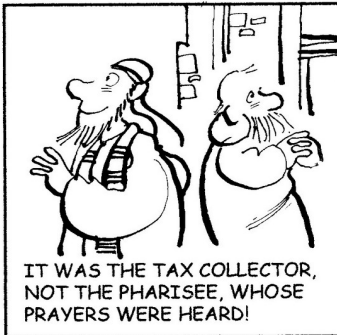
**I AM SO PLEASED WITH MYSELF,
ESPECIALLY AS I AM NOT A SCOUNDREL,
LIKE THIS TAX COLLECTOR!**



**BUT THE TAX
COLLECTOR COULDN'T
EVEN RAISE HIS HEAD**



**DEAR GOD... I AM VERY SORRY!
PLEASE FORGIVE ME FOR
ALL THE WRONG THINGS
I HAVE DONE.**



**IT WAS THE TAX COLLECTOR,
NOT THE PHARISEE, WHOSE
PRAYERS WERE HEARD!**



**JESUS EXPLAINED -
'DON'T BE PROUD WHEN YOU
PRAY - INSTEAD BE HUMBLE!'**



Prayer

God stir the soil,
Run the ploughshare deep,

Cut the furrows round and round,
Overturn the hard, dry ground,

Spare no strength nor toil,
Even though I weep.

In the loose, fresh mangled earth
Sow new seed.

Free of withered vine and weed
Bring fair flowers to birth.

Anonymous



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.

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

Church AdminAssistant : **Hazel Winstanley**

by email at 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.

They urgently need:

Biscuits

Tinned Fruit

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Tinned Vegetables

Packet Mashed Potatoes

Tinned Spaghetti

Snack Foods

Tinned Potatoes

Baked Beans

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

MARCH 2023

5	ALL AGE WORSHIP	Pam Taylor
12	HOLY COMMUNION	Gill Ward & Sheila Brown
19	MORNING WORSHIP	Paul Moakes & Marjorie O'Neil
26	HOLY COMMUNION	Gill Ward & Bill Mawson

ALL SAINTS CHURCH ASTON



**ALL SAINTS CHURCH ASTON
IS OFFERING A**

WARM SPACE

The Narthex will be open between
9:00am and 3:00pm

EVERY FRIDAY

commencing **18 NOVEMBER 2022**

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most welcome to
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refreshments
during the cold weather.

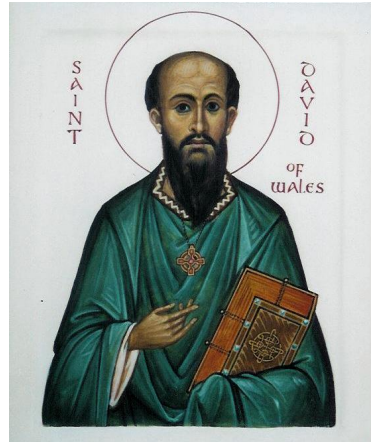




1 March - St David (Dewi Sant) : Guiding the Welsh through turbulent times

On 1st March Wales celebrates its patron saint, David – or, in Welsh, Dewi or Dafydd. He is revered wherever Welsh people have settled. As with most figures from the so-called 'Dark Ages' (he lived in the sixth century), reliable details about his life are scarce, but there are enough for us to form a picture of a formidably austere, disciplined and charismatic leader, who led the Church in Wales through turbulent years and fought tenaciously for the faith.

It's likely that David was strengthened in his ministry by time spent in Ireland, where the Church was stronger and more confident. Early records tell of a meeting of Irish church leaders with three 'Britons', as they were described, among them 'bishop David'. His mother, Non, is also celebrated as a saint in Wales, where a number of churches are dedicated in her name.



That he founded a monastery at Menevia, in Pembrokeshire, seems beyond doubt. It later became the site of St David's cathedral and the settlement which is now the smallest city in the United Kingdom. From Menevia David embarked on preaching and teaching missions across Wales, and probably beyond. His eloquence was legendary.

At a famous Synod of the Church, held at a Carmarthenshire village called Brefi, he preached passionately against the Arian heresy – indeed, so passionately that he was (according to some accounts) immediately named as archbishop of Wales. The village is now known as Llandewi Brefi – brefi in Welsh is a hillock, and legend claims that it appeared miraculously in order to provide the eloquent bishop with a pulpit.

His monks avoided wine and beer, drinking only water. Indeed, he and they lived lives of rigorous austerity and constant prayer, in the manner of the Desert Fathers of the Eastern Church. The date of David's death is disputed – either 589 or 601. It wasn't until the 12th century that he was generally accepted as the patron saint of Wales, and pilgrimages to St David's were highly regarded in the following centuries – including two made by English kings, William I and Henry II.

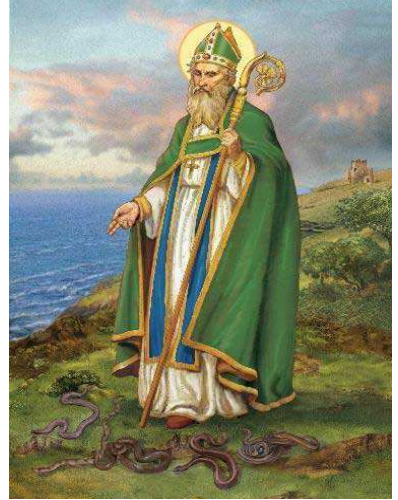
It's traditional for Welsh people to wear daffodils on St David's Day (Gwyl Dewi Sant in Welsh) – but there seems no particular reason for it, beyond the fact that they tend to make their early Spring appearance round about his day – oh, and they look nice!



17 March - St Patrick : Beloved Apostle to Ireland

St Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. If you've ever been in New York on St Patrick's Day, you'd think he was the patron saint of New York as well... the flamboyant parade is full of American/Irish razzmatazz.

It's all a far cry from the hard life of this 5th century humble Christian who became in time both bishop and apostle of Ireland. Patrick was born the son of a town councillor in the west of England, between the Severn and the Clyde. But as a young man he was captured by Irish pirates, kidnapped to Ireland, and reduced to slavery. He was made to tend his master's herds.



Desolate and despairing, Patrick turned to prayer. He found God was there for him, even in such desperate circumstances. He spent much time in prayer, and his faith grew and deepened, in contrast to his earlier years, when he "knew not the true God".

Then, after six gruelling, lonely years he was told in a dream he would soon go to his own country. He either escaped or was freed, made his way to a port 200 miles away and eventually persuaded some sailors to take him with them away from Ireland.

After various adventures in other lands, including near-starvation, Patrick landed on English soil at last, and returned to his family. But he was much changed. He had enjoyed his life of plenty before; now he wanted to devote the rest of his life to Christ. Patrick received some form of training for the priesthood, but not the higher education he really wanted.

But by 435, well-educated or not, Patrick was badly needed. Palladius' mission to the Irish had failed, and so the Pope sent Patrick back to the land of his slavery. He set up his see at Armagh and worked principally in the north. He urged the Irish to greater spirituality, set up a school, and made several missionary journeys.

Patrick's writings are the first literature certainly identified from the British Church. They reveal sincere simplicity and a deep pastoral care. He wanted to abolish paganism, idolatry, and was ready for imprisonment or death in the following of Christ.

Patrick remains the most popular of the Irish saints. The principal cathedral of New York is dedicated to him, as, of course, is the Anglican cathedral of Dublin.



31 March - John Donne : the Metaphysical Poet

John Donne (1572 – 1631) was an English poet, scholar, soldier, secretary and finally Dean of St Pauls Cathedral in London. But he is most remembered for his poetry, for he is seen as the greatest of the 17th-century ‘metaphysical’ poets.

Donne was born in 1572 into a Roman Catholic family in London at a time when the Church of England was the dominant faith, and those who remained Roman Catholic were considered second class citizens. Although Donne studied at both Oxford and Cambridge, because of his Roman Catholicism, he was denied a degree. So, in 1592 Donne went to London to study law at Lincoln’s Inn.



In 1594 Donne decided to convert to the Church of England, and this opened up a whole new life for him. In 1596 he joined the naval expedition led by the Earl of Essex against Cadiz in Spain. When he returned in 1598, he was appointed private secretary to Sir Thomas Egerton, Lord Keeper of the Seal. All was going well, but then he fell in love with Egerton’s 16-year-old niece, Anne More, and in 1601 he secretly married her. Egerton was furious, and Donne lost his job, and even ended up in prison for a short time.

For several years after that Donne worked as a lawyer. Then in 1610 he wrote a book encouraging Roman Catholics to take the Oath of Allegiance to the king. The book caught the eye of James 1, who may have suggested that Donne go into the Church. Certainly, Donne was appointed as a royal chaplain only a few months after his ordination in 1615.

In 1617 Donne’s beloved wife, Anne, died. In 1621 he was appointed the Dean of St Paul’s Cathedral, and proved to be a much loved and inspiring preacher.

Throughout his working life, Donne continued to write poetry, though most of it remained unpublished until 1633. It was then mostly forgotten after his death, until early last century. Then, in the 1920s, both Ezra Pound and TS Eliot openly acknowledged their literary debt to him.

Donne’s place as one of the greatest of the 17th-century ‘metaphysical’ poets is now assured. He wrote both sacred and secular poetry, with his main theme being that of human love and divine love.



Bluebells

I remember rediscovering my mother's little hard back book of, beautifully painted, watercolours by the artist Cicely Mary Barker (1895-1973) 'Flower Fairies of the Spring'. It included 'the bluebell fairy' proudly carrying a stem of bluebells like a royal mace in a state procession. Most people, of a certain age at least, can remember the book. The pictures were originally used on postcards and clearly caught the imagination. But although Emily Bronte poetically said 'The Bluebell is the sweetest flower' it also had a warlike use. Its sticky sap helped glue the flight feathers onto arrows. So they were an unsung hero of Agincourt.

The poem in Flower Fairies called the bluebell 'The peerless Woodland King' although its reference to children gathering 'armfuls' could not be written now. It is unlawful to intentionally pick, uproot or destroy wild bluebells. Local bluebell woods, with their lovely, uplifting, dappled spring light; include Anston Stones, the walk on the east of Treeton Dyke and the woods above Chesterfield Canal at Kiveton Park. Further afield, the woodland walks at Bolton Abbey in North Yorkshire have great drifts of Bluebells. Stick to the paths though as treading on bluebells easily crushes the leaves meaning they can no longer photosynthesise and starve.

Up to half of the world's bluebells grow in the British Isles. You can plant your own. They are easy to establish and grow well in gardens and outdoor pots. When planted as bulbs they spread quickly. Seeds take longer. They are happiest in shade and flower in April-May. They attract bees as an early source of nectar. When choosing bulbs do check they are English 'common bluebells' and not the, potentially invasive, Spanish variety. You will also want to check they are sourced and grown in Britain. Otherwise, there is a higher risk of introducing pests and diseases. We don't want to lose our Bluebells. Native bluebells (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*) are a vivid violet/purply blue and the stems arch with the flowers on one side. The Spanish variety has flowers arranged around the stem and unlike the common bluebell they have no scent.

The only place you will not find our common bluebell in the British Isles is Orkney and Shetland. Maybe they are making a point about being 'almost Scandinavians'? Common bluebells are also native to Ireland, parts of northern Spain and Portugal, Belgium and have become naturalised in Germany, Italy and Romania. So you might spot them on your travels.

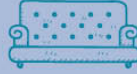
As practical tips, especially in dry areas under trees and in pots, bluebells still like some moisture even when dormant. Plant them in little clumps with uneven spacing to create the 'drift' effect seen in woodland. Don't remove the leaves and stem after flowering because they continue to feed the bulbs. You can lift and divide bulbs after flowering to help them spread but it happens gradually anyway. Happy planting!

David Coldrick is owner of Home Instead Senior Care Rotherham 34 Moorgate Road S60 2AG. Telephone 01709 837170 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 7.15pm 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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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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Dinnington & District Horticultural Society

*Evening talks in Anston Parish Hall, Ryton Road,
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Friends of Ulley Country Park

Sunday Café: 11 am to 3 pm. Homemade refreshments including soup, crusty bread, coffee, tea, fruit cordials, cakes and scones. We hope to host a special event at each Café day. Details on the website.

5th Age (charity number 1068378)

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Contact : enquire5thage@outlook.com

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Swallownest Baptist Church 3rd Sunday of each month at 3pm.

*Contacts : **Malcolm 07720 776081** or **Elizabeth 07594 410801***

Little Angels

Playgroup for babies and pre-school children at All Saints Church, Aston Term-time every Monday 9.30 - 11.00am in Term time and every Thursday 9:30 - 11:00am at Holy Trinity Ulley in Term Time.

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In December 1922 the cinema was bought by Joseph Steeples who was proprietor of the Empire Super Kinema in Rotherham. It was closed for some weeks for re-construction and re-opened on Monday 18th February 1924. The report about the re-opening in the Eckington, Woodhouse and Staveley Express said that the many patrons of the hall would be delighted at the change.

The Pavilion had become one of the best equipped and most luxuriously appointed village cinemas in South Yorkshire. The old booking hall and entrance under the overhang had been removed and a central entrance hall and booking office built. A separate entrance and booking office was provided for the cheaper seats which ensured quicker booking and did away with crushing. Through the entrance hall there was a sloping corridor up to the auditorium which had been raised to ensure a sloping floor so that all seats had a clear view of the picture.



The auditorium was doubled in length and a block of rising tiers built at the back. The seating accommodation was also doubled to 800 seats and filled with tip-up chairs. A new proscenium front provided ample accommodation for a large orchestra.

A duplicate set of generators and dynamos, one using gas and one using petrol, was provided to ensure that in the event of a failure of one, the show could be completed by the other. Kalee projectors in duplicate were installed which avoided breaks in the showing of the star film caused by waiting for threading up, which was needed when a single machine was used. The colour scheme was Japanese blue, gold and white and the proscenium was draped in dark navy and old gold.

The opening attraction was *The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse* starring Rudolph Valentino and it was screened in exactly the same way as it was screened in London, the first time such a thing had ever been attempted at a village cinema. A large orchestra provided special music and songs were sung by Miss Winifred Nixon. Leslie Columbine, resident manager, recited the prologue. Apparently it was absolutely essential that customers be in their seats five minutes before the start as the prologue was key to the picture. Prices of admission were one shilling in the balcony, eight pence in the saloon and four pence in the front saloon. Booking a seat was 3 pence extra.

The cinema closed on Saturday 1958 due to falling attendances, but it reopened on 26th October 1958. A report in the *South Yorkshire Times* and *Woodhouse Express* said that "Mr. Steeples' wife told the *South Yorkshire Times* that they had several enquiries from local folk about the closure of the cinema and she had heard someone was organising a petition for its re-opening. The building had been up for sale after it closed, but as they could not get a purchaser, they had decided to have another try". Mr. Steeples said "it is now up to the local residents. If they want the cinema they can have it and it will remain open so long as they support it." The cinema has been decorated and a new box office was installed this week. Mr. Steeples will run the cinema for the time being. He has a projectionist and most of the old staff has returned."

There was some improvement in business but on 17th November 1960 the hall was damaged by fire and it was not re-opened as a cinema. After the building had been re-roofed it was used for bingo from 1961 to 1985. In 1990 it became a Snooker Hall and in 2014 it was demolished to make way for affordable housing.

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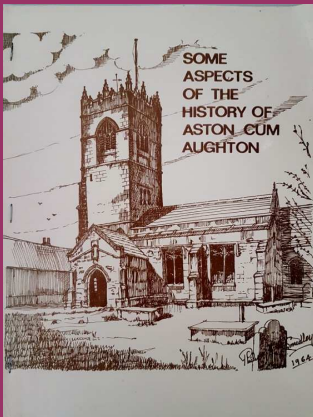
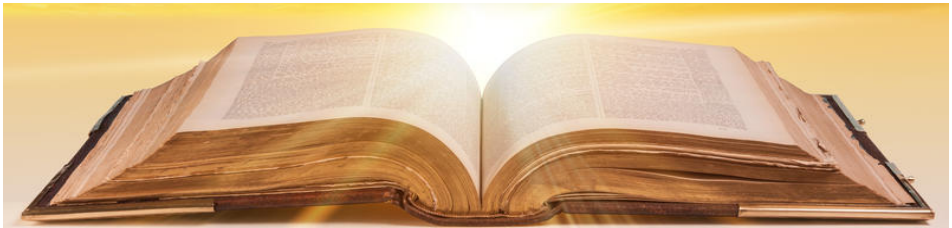
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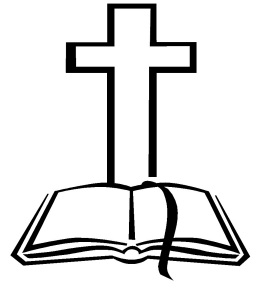




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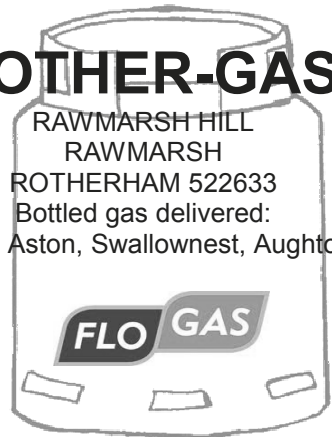
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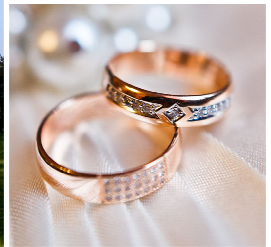
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