Our Parish

Aston-Cum-Aughton with Swallownest and Ulley

We will open
the book. Its pages are
blank. We are
going to put words on
them ourselves.
The book is called
Opportunity and its
first chapter is
New Year's Day.

EDITH LOVEJOY PIERCE

January 2023



SERVICES DURING JANUARY 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



EVENTS AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH ASTON

Many thanks to EVERYONE who helped to make 'A CHRISTMAS CAROL' such a success. The one-man performance by Keith was exceptional, and the pie and pea supper was a great way to round off the evening's entertainment. The choir looked and sounded superb and the refreshments and raffle teams did a great job. Thanks also to the lighting and scenery departments.

Special thanks must go to Jess for her invaluable assistance (in locating a corkscrew!).

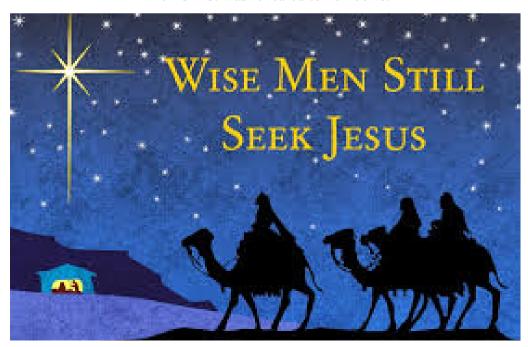
We raised approximately £340 on the night of which we will donate £300 to the Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice.

Many thanks to all those who came and supported this festive event, and joined in with our merrymaking.

Hope everyone went home feeling the joy of fellowship and the Christmas spirit.

'God Bless Us, Everyone!'

Epiphany is derived from the Greek Word meaning to *show* or *reveal*, when Christ was revealed to non-Jews.





ALL SAINTS ASTON SERVICES IN JANUARY 2023

Sunday 1 January

10:30am Morning Worship

Wednesday 4 January

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 8 January

10:30am All Age Worship

Wednesday 11 January

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 15 January

10:30am Morning Worship

6:00pm Evensong

Wednesday 18 January

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 22 January

10:30pm Holy Communion

Wednesday 25 January

3:00pm Holy Communion

Sunday 22 January

10:30pm Matins

EVENING SERVICES ARE @ 6:00pm

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Holy Trinity Church Ulley Services in JANUARY

Sunday 1 January
10:30am Celebrating Christmas - On ZOOM only

Sunday 8 January 10:00am Morning Worship

Sunday 15 January 10:30am Holy Communion

Saunday 22 January 10:30am Morning Worship

Sunday 29 January 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.

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The art of ringing in the New Year

The Rectory St James the Least of All



My dear Nephew Darren,

I am sure I had warned you about church bells. They are simply not to everyone's taste. And the idea of switching on your recorded bells – no matter how digitally enhanced - at midnight for an hour, in order to welcome in the New Year, may have seemed inspired at the time, but considering that most of your inner city parish is Moslem, that you are surrounded on one side by a hospital and another by a care home for the elderly, it is not too surprising that the joyful sound was not well received.

But to be fair, we too had a small misjudgement on New Year's Eve. Our bell-ringers, who practise the art of campanology, and don't use electronic equipment, have always been something of a trial. They ring with great enthusiasm for half an hour before our services each week, but then as we are singing the first hymn, they emerge from the church tower, putting on hats and coats while loudly discussing who made the error in the middle of that morning's grandsire triples.

This New Year's Eve they met in the bell tower at 11pm to have some champagne, and then a period of ringing before further refreshment became necessary. By midnight, the champagne had so refreshed them that they somewhat exceeded their accuracy, and the village heard the New Year being joyfully welcomed by a set of eight bells being rung in an entirely random order.

I still managed to drift off to sleep, only to be woken three hours later by one bell being mournfully but persistently tolled. Finally, I felt obliged to go and find out why. I discovered Colonel Bradshaw alone in the bell tower. When the party had ended and the ringers trooped out, the Colonel had dashed back in to retrieve his hat. The others, ignorant of his absence, then locked the church and went home to their beds. That lone bell was his way of announcing his predicament.

At least I was able to reassure him that his six-hour vigil in the church tower partially made up for his absence from Matins for the previous 12 months.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace



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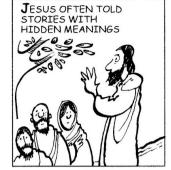
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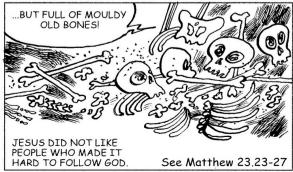
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A Prayer for Wisdom to redeem the time

O Lord God of time and eternity, who makes us creatures of time, that when time is over, we may attain Your blessed eternity. With time, Your gift, give us also wisdom to redeem the time, so our day of grace is not lost, for our Lord Jesus' sake.

By Christina Rossetti

A Dressing Prayer

Bless to me, O God, my body and my soul;
Bless to me, O God, belief, condition whole;
Bless to me, O God, my heart, my speaking too,<
And bless to me, O God, the things my hands do;
And, O God of virtues, thine own way be blest,
Till at the close of day I lie down to rest.

From an ancient Celtic prayer

Solitude

In thee we live; and every word
Of heaven is thine; blown free
To west, to east, the God unshrined
Is still discovering me.

From a poem by Edward Dowden 1843 – 1913





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.

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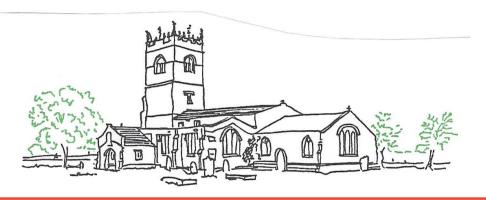


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JANUARY 2023

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH ASTON





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25th January - Conversion of St Paul



January is a month of the beginning of great things! As well as the naming of the Son of God, we celebrate the conversion of the greatest ever apostle of the Christian faith. Many books have been written on Paul, and here is the briefest of introductions.

He was a Jew, born as 'Saul' at Tarsus, and brought up by the rabbi Gamaliel as a Pharisee. A devout, fanatical Jew, Saul persecuted the Christians, and watched with satisfaction the first Christian martyrdom, the stoning of Stephen. Then, on his way to Damascus, Saul had a vision of Christ that stopped him in his tracks. He realised that this Jesus whom he was persecuting was in fact the Messiah for whom he had longed.

Saul changed overnight. He was given a new name, Paul, and became an evangelist for the cause of Christ. He became a leader in the early Church, and his special calling was as an apostle to the Gentiles. He wrote epistles to the young churches that he founded – and thus, inadvertently, wrote a great part of the New Testament.

Life as the greatest apostle was hardly full of perks: Paul was stoned, beaten, mobbed, homeless, hated, imprisoned, and finally martyred. Tradition has it that he was beheaded in Rome during the persecution of Nero in 64AD, and buried where the basilica of St Paul 'outside the walls' now stands. His mighty faith in Christ has kindled similar belief in many hundreds of millions of people down the centuries.



6th January 2023—Where did the three wise men come from?

Magi from the East – it isn't a lot to go on. The Magi had originally been a religious caste among the Persians. Their devotion to astrology, divination and the interpretation of dreams led to an extension in the meaning of the word, and by the first century the Magi in Matthew's gospel could have been astrologers from outside of Persia. Some scholars believe they might have come from what was then Arabia Felix, or as we would say today, southern Arabia.

It is true that in the first century astrology was practised there, and it was the region where the Queen of Sheba had lived. She of course had visited Solomon and would have heard the prophecies about how one day a Messiah would be born to the Israelites and become their king.

Matthew's gospel (chapter 2) is clear that the Magi asked Herod: 'Where is the One who has been born king of the Jews? We saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.' So it is possible that in southern Arabia the Queen of Sheba's story of how a Messiah would one day be sent to the Israelites had survived. Certainly, there are a number of other early legends that connect southern Arabia with Solomon's Israel.

To many people this makes sense: that the ancient stories of a Messiah, linked to later astrological study, prompted these alert and god-fearing men to the realisation that something very stupendous was happening in Israel. They realised that after all these centuries, the King of the Jews, the Messiah, was about to be born.

One more interesting thing that gives weight to the theory that the Magi came from southern Arabia is this: if you study any map of Palestine as it was during biblical times, you will find that the old Arabian caravan routes all entered Palestine 'from the East'.

Epiphany

On 6th January we celebrate Epiphany – the visit of the Wise Men to the baby Jesus. But who were these Wise Men? No one knows for sure. Matthew calls them 'Magi', and that was the name of an ancient caste of a priestly kind from Persia. It wasn't until the third century that they were called kings – by a church father, Tertullian.

Another church father, Origin, assumed there were three – to correspond with the gifts given. Later Christian interpretation came to understand gold as a symbol of wisdom and wealth, incense as a symbol of worship and sacrifice, and myrrh as a symbol of healing – and even embalming. Certainly Jesus challenged and set aright the way in which the world handled all three of these things. Since the 8th century, the Magi have had the names Balthasar, Caspar and Melchior.



What about the gifts, Gold Frankincense and Myrrh?

The story of the coming of the Magi grew in the telling. By the 6th century they had acquired names: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. By medieval times they were considered to be kings. Whoever they were, we do know from Matthew that they brought three gifts to Jesus.

What about their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh? While we cannot know for sure what was in the minds of first century Magi, one Victorian scholar has offered a possible explanation as to the significance of their gifts. He was the Rev John Henry Hopkins, an American Episcopalian minister, who in 1857 wrote his much-loved Christmas carol, 'We Three Kings of Orient Are'.

Gold, said John Henry Hopkins, was a gift that would have been given to a king. Frankincense had traditionally been brought by priests as they worshipped God in the Temple. Myrrh was a spice that the ancients used in preparing bodies for burial. If that is true, then you could say that the Wise Men, in choosing their gifts for this infant, honoured Jesus with gold because He was King of the Jews, with frankincense because He was to be worshipped as divine, and with myrrh, because He would also become a sacrifice and die for His people.

The Wise Men were the very first gentiles ever to worship Jesus. What faith they had! They travelled for months over difficult terrain, they never saw any evidence of Jesus' kingship, His divinity or His sacrificial death. They worshipped Him through faith in God's promises about Him. Isaiah foresaw this response to Jesus: 'Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.' The Magi's eyes of faith saw clearly and far into the future.

Compare that with the High Priest and religious leaders whom the Wise Men saw in Jerusalem when they first arrived. These head priests knew all about the prophecies of their own coming Messiah, but NOT ONE Jewish religious leader travelled to look for Him in Bethlehem. And it is only six miles down the road!



Loyalty

What is loyalty? Do you think first of loyalty in adversity? Martin Luther (1483-1546) said 'Where the battle rages, there the loyalty of the soldier is proved'. We might make poor soldiers but still hope to hold fast with our pals in a shell hole. Perhaps loyalty reminds you of heroes like Antarctic explorer Captain Lawrence Oates (1880–1912). He was injured and felt he was slowing his team down from returning home safely. He told them 'I am just going outside and may be some time' and stepped out of the tent into a blizzard, never to be seen again.

For most of us loyalty is found in more mundane settings but it is still important. Loyalty is being faithful to our commitments, our responsibilities, our friends, family, and workmates. It can also extend to our leaders, our sovereign and more generally to our 'team' whatever that might be. It means playing our part consistently, treating everyone well without leaving anyone out. Sometimes we might not feel that someone or something deserves our loyalty. Author Mark Twain (1835-1910) said 'Loyalty to the country always. Loyalty to the government when it deserves it.' We all know what he meant!

Being disloyal is serious and to be avoided. If someone has trusted you or you have trusted them and that confidence, that friendship, even 'just' that good acquaintance is broken it causes hurt and distress. Too many people have been betrayed, a strong word I know, but disloyalty often amounts to betrayal. I have known lots personally and professionally who have experienced it. The loss of trust broke their heart. They struggled to recover and often find it hard to lean upon and work with others. It makes people feel nervous, uncertain, undervalued and isolated.

Yes, we should forgive those who are disloyal to us even if the relationship ends. That is the only way through deep hurt, avoiding bitterness, although we may legitimately remember the wrong done to us. We should also however positively try to avoid doing such wrongs to others. Avoiding acts of disloyalty, breaching trusts and confidences, even in the small everyday transactions of life benefits everyone. We all know how easy it is easy to talk ill of a relative, friend or colleague, especially behind their back. That is no small thing. It is a mini betrayal. Peace of mind along with much else can be lost.

Maybe you might respond to this with: 'Well that is easy for you to say! I have misplaced my loyalty so much I can never trust again!' Precisely. We all need to be aware of this and help turn the tide. Local people have traditionally been tightly knit, family and community orientated. We know we have a responsibility to each other. In 2023 it may be time to take a stand for loyalty and not in the abstract but in every aspect of daily life and work. If we do then we shall be found in the company of an expert! '... if we are faithless, he remains faithful' (2 Timothy v 13)

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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 Saints Church. New members / visitors welcome (small fee).

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
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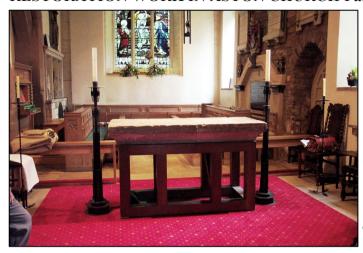
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RESTORATION WORK IN ASTON CHURCH Part 2



The Altar and Chancel

In 1966 major alterations were made to the interior of the Church. The Victorian choir stalls were in a bad state of decay because of woodworm and dry rot. For about two years discussions were held whether to simply replace them with new choir stalls in the same position or to take the opportunity to re-plan the Church so that the altar could be seen from almost every pew. This would mean placing the altar on the existing chancel steps or in the middle of the nave. There were many consultations with the architect Mr. George G. Pace of York and the Bishop's Advisory Committee before the decision was taken.

The existing shape of the building and especially the narrow chancel arch made it impossible to devise a perfect scheme. It was agreed to place the altar in a central position on the chancel step and to place the choir in the east end. When not in use for the choir the chancel could be used as a chapel capable of seating up to 25 people. The free-standing altar could be used for services in the chancel or nave or in both. The work began in Spring 1966 and took fourteen weeks to complete.

It was advisable to reduce the length of the stone medieval altar. It was badly fractured in the middle and this was tidied up and the altar reduced by about eighteen inches. The existing altar ornaments had been made by Dowson according to Pace's design. It was found necessary only to adapt the altar crucifix into a hanging cross and to provide a set of communion rails. This work was also done by Dowson.

Stone paving in and before the chancel was completed and the opportunity taken to renew the central heating installation at that end of the church. The choir stalls originally came from St. Michael's Neepsend, now demolished. They then went to St. Ann's Netherthorpe which is now closed. They were then repaired and bleached for Aston. The Pews under the Tower were brought from St. Clement's Newhall, now demolished.

The D'Arcy Window needed re-glazing and the work was done by Mr. Allen of York, according to Mr. Pace's instructions.



Part of the new furnishing was provided in memory of members of the Church who had died during the past four years. The D'Arcy window was restored in memory of Mr. Cyril Layne. The New English Bible for use on the altar was given in memory of Mr. Eric Loxley. The annotation of Epistles and Gospels was done by John Hanstock. The choir stalls were provided in memory of Mr. Reginald Rawlings-Smith.

The services of Re-Hallowing took place on Sunday September 11th 1966 at 6.30 p.m.

During alterations, traces were found of a flue below the cell of the south window of the chancel nearest to the chancel arch. Is this what remains of a fireplace in the Rector or Squire's family pew which was there in the 18th and 19th centuries?

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

In 1969 work was completed on the restoration of the mullions etc. of the two windows in the porch and the ordering of glass. Restoration was also carried out on the arch stones above the capstones, together with the ordering of stone to continue work on the arch. Glass was fixed in the porch by Mr. Allen of York.

In 1972 the tower and north aisle were redecorated. The cloakroom and toilets were completed. In 1973 The dial of the tower clock was painted by Mr. William Potts. The under tower was decorated by voluntary labour.

In 1974 two windows were replaced in the north aisle. To cure damp a cavity wall was built at the east end, and the choir, nave and north aisle were decorated with emulsion paint. All electrical installations were rewired.

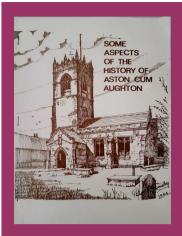
In 1975 the two windows in the clergy vestry were replaced by Mr. Robertson of Sheffield. Mr. John Hanstock replaced decayed stonework mainly on the north aisle with "stitching" and also the west end of the north aisle which was considerably decayed. In 1976 re-pointing and repair of the north wall of the church was completed, the mullions of two windows of the south aisle renewed and a new gas boiler for the central heating was installed.

In 1978 replacement of decayed stonework to both windows on the south side of the nave was carried out. The stone was from Stoke Quarry, Grindleford. The windows were replaced in clear glass by Mr. Robertson to a design by Mr. Sims. Re-pointing work was completed on the north side of the church. Digging out and providing better drainage was done on the south aisle walls to try to reduce rising damp and the organ was completely overhauled.

On the 31st July 1980, after 24 years in the parish, Reverend Kirk retired from the benefice.

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Prayer for a Renewed Heart

O Lord,
you have mercy on all.
Take away my sins,
and mercifully kindle in me
the fire of your Holy Spirit.
Take away my heart of stone
and give me a heart of flesh,
a heart to love and adore you,
a heart to delight in you,
to follow and to enjoy you, for Christ's sake. Amen.



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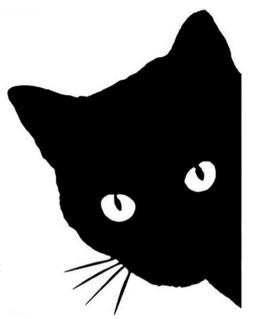
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- 2. I will not use the bathtub to store live mice for late-night snacks.
- 3. I will not play 'Thundering Wildebeest Stampeding Across the Plains of the Serengeti' over any humans asleep in bed at night.



- 4. When it rains, it will be raining on all sides of the house. It is not necessary to check every door.
- 5. I will not play 'dead cat on the stairs' while people are trying to bring in groceries or laundry, or else one of these days, it will really come true.
- 6. When my human is typing at the computer, their forearms are not a hammock.
- 7. TV screens do not exist to backlight my lovely tail.
- 8. I will not suddenly freeze and puff my entire body to twice its size for no reason after my human has watched a late-night horror movie.
- 9. I will not perch on my human's chest in the middle of the night and stare until they wake up.
- 10. Above all, I will not walk on the key board when my human is writing important adagfsg gdjag ;lnk*?!







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New Year Prayer

O God,
your days are without beginning
and without end.
We dedicate this coming year to you.
Give us such prosperity as you know is good for us,
and make us abound in doing whatever is pleasing to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Source: Mozarabic Collect for New Year

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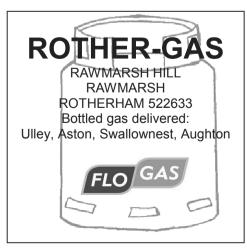
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