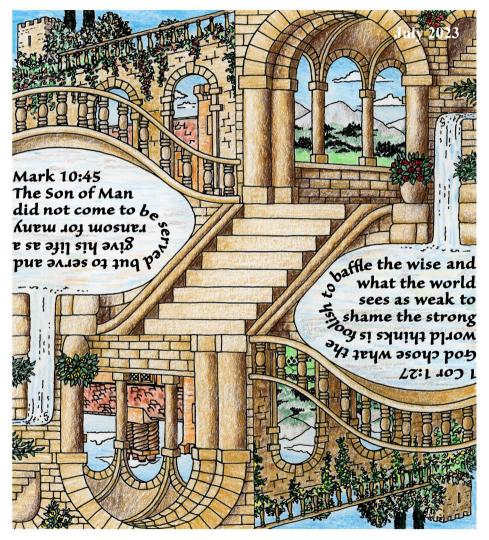
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The Rectory St James the Least of All



My dear nephew Darren,

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As with most rural churches, keys which open just about everything in the village are hidden in various parts of the church. The vestry key is under my seat cushion, the organ key under a vase on the altar, the church hall key on top of the hymn book cupboard, and Miss Simpson's spare front door key inside the font. I have never been certain whether the latter is there for safety, or as a general invitation. I am sure someone could usefully produce a book suggesting the many places that keys are likely to be found secreted in churches for the use of vergers, flower arrangers, cleaners – and thieves wanting to save themselves time and effort.

I suspect that the burdened look that many urban clergy wear is not because they are weighed down with parish troubles, but because they are obliged to carry with them a superfluity of keys needed to negotiate every door in church, hall, school, and vicarage. And why is there always one for which no one has any idea what it opens?

The only occasion I have ever thought it would be useful to be able to lock a church is when you have a party of visitors inside. So often, on hearing the words "let us pray" or the start of an appeal for funds, they bolt for the door.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

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10:30am All Age Worship

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10:30am	Morning Worship
6:00pm	Choral Evensong

Wednesday 19 July

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Sunday 23 July

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Our church is run by the Parochial Church Council of All Saints Aston, which comprises elected members of the Congregation, Clergy and Licensed Lay members. The PCC meets every month to discuss our finances and how our money should be spent to benefit and improve our church.

These meetings cover matters from the day to day running of our church, to the safety of every person who enters our church, and the ongoing repairs and main-tenance needed to ensure our church is fit for purpose.

We receive many wonderful testaments from visitors who visit our church; from those who have been to a Service, a Wedding, a Baptism, a Funeral or just decided to look around our Church when in the area or staying at Aston Hall Hotel.

Like many other organizations, our Church continues to have challenges to maintain the fabric of the building and the requirements for our Church and Community's future.

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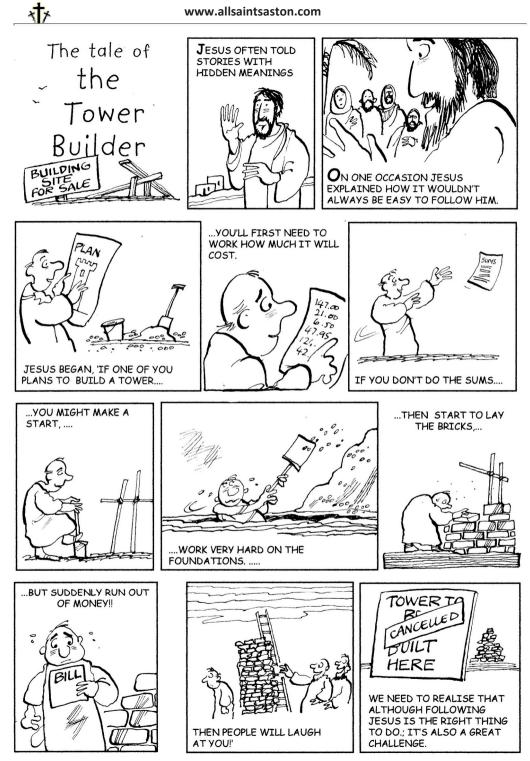
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There, in that other world, what waits for me? What shall I find after that other birth? No stormy, tossing, foaming, smiling sea, But a new earth.

No sun to mark the changing of the days, No slow, soft falling of the alternate night, No moon, no star, no light upon my ways, Only the Light.

No grey cathedral, wide and wondrous fair, That I may tread where all my fathers trod. Nay, nay, my soul, no house of God is there, But only God.

by Mary Coleridge (1861-1907)

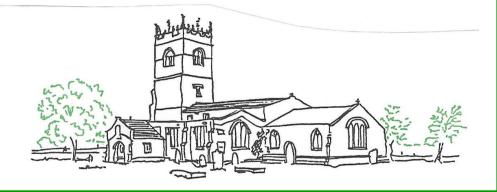
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15th July : St Swithun, or St Swithin - Saint for a rainy day

St Swithun is apparently the saint you can blame for rainy summers. It is said that if it rains on his special day, 15th July, it will then rain for 40 days after that. It all began when Swithun was made Bishop of Winchester in 852 by King Ethelwulf of Wessex. It was an important posting: Winchester was the capital of Wessex, and during the 10 years Swithun was there, Wessex became the most important kingdom of England.

During his life, instead of washing out people's summer holidays, and damping down their spirits, Swithun seems to have done a lot of good. He was famous for his charitable gifts and for his energy in getting churchesbuilt. When he was dying in 862, he asked that he be buried in the cemetery of the Old Minster, just outside the west door.



If he had been left there in peace, who knows how many rainy summers the English may have been spared over the last 1000 years. But, no, it was decided to move Swithun. By now, the 960s, Winchester had become the first monastic cathedral chapter in England, and the newly installed monks wanted Swithun in the cathedral with them. So finally, on 15 July 971, his bones were dug up and Swithun was translated into the cathedral.

That same day many people claimed to have had miraculous cures. Certainly everyone got wet, for the heavens opened. The unusually heavy rain that day, and on the days following, was attributed to the power of St Swithun. Swithun was moved again in 1093, into the new Winchester cathedral. His shrine was a popular place of pilgrimage throughout the middle ages. The shrine was destroyed during the Reformation and restored in 1962. There are 58 ancient dedications to Swithun in England.

22nd July : What do we really know about Mary Magdalene?

Fake news is not new. Perhaps one old example is the assertion that Mary Magdalene was a prostitute. Back in the 6th Century, Pope Gregory is said to have confused her with two other women in the Bible. Medieval Bible scholars also attempted to name an unidentified sinful woman who had washed and anointed the feet of Jesus. As Mary Magdalene is mentioned in the next chapter, they regarded her as the same person! After this, many classical artists painted Mary in various states of undress, perpetuating a falsehood.

So what do we really know about Mary? The Gospels tell us that she came from Magdala, a town in Galilee, and Jesus healed her by



casting out seven evil spirits. After this she followed Jesus, with other women, on His ministry providing resources. Later, Mary watched Jesus die on the cross, and having cared for His needs while He was alive, wanted to care for Him after His death.

It was when Mary went to anoint the body of Jesus at the tomb that the risen Jesus appeared to her. He told Mary to go to His disciples and tell them about His return to Heaven. She was obedient and became the first emissary of the resurrection. In those days, the witness of a woman was worthless. Despite ridicule, Mary had the courage to speak about Jesus in a place of great disbelief. We have to ask ourselves do we have the same courage as Mary? How prepared are we to stand our ground to share Jesus with others in the face of those who mock and scoff at us?

Although we usually associate Mary with the Easter story, this month on 22nd July, the Church celebrates her Feast Day. In this snapshot of Mary's life we know she had experienced great distress and suffering. After Jesus healed her, Mary expressed her gratitude by being utterly committed and devoted to Him.

Jesus can give everyone a new start; a new purpose and direction in life. Like Mary we can thank Him for blessing us, loving us and forgiving us and moving into practical forms of service. Only Jesus can transform our lives so that we can glorify God in all that we do.

31 July : St Joseph of Arimathea - the man who buried Jesus

Have you ever suffered from gossip? Ever discovered that people are saying some really wild things about you? If so, Joseph of Arimathea would understand – and sympathise with you. This decent, godly man of the gospels seems to have fired the imaginations of all sorts of odd people down the centuries.

Joseph was a rich, prominent member of the ruling Jewish council – the Sanhedrin. Mark's gospel describes him as having been 'waiting for the kingdom of God' for years, and even being a secret disciple of Jesus. He played no part in the trial or crucifixion.

When Jesus was pronounced dead, Joseph had the seniority needed to



approach Pilate for the body – and get it. Near to where Jesus had been crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, cut deep in the rock. Joseph himself already owned it – and it was still new and empty. So Joseph laid Jesus there, and wrapped him in a linen cloth, according to Jewish burial custom. Joseph did not bury Jesus alone – Nicodemus helped him, while some women who had followed Jesus trailed miserably behind.

Matthew tells us that the last thing Joseph did for Jesus was to sadly roll a big stone across the entrance to the tomb, and then go away. With that, Joseph passes out of history – and into legend. For in the centuries that followed, Joseph was swept up into the Legend of the Holy Grail, the Legend of Glastonbury, and even bits of the Arthurian legends. It was said that the Holy Thorn, which flowers at Christmas, had sprung from his staff.

The mind boggles at what Joseph would have made of it all. One suspects he would have preferred to stick to the simple, but far better, true story: as having had the immense, unique privilege of laying the body of Jesus Christ in the tomb. Even if Jesus didn't stay very long!

Boarding Houses and Brisk Winds

Wherever you went on holiday in the 1960's and early 1970s be it Whitby, with its booming, grumbling fog-horn to semi-tropical Torquay with its, especially hardy, palm trees, boarding houses were the place to stay for working people and their families.

They were often owned by widows who had retired to the seaside to generate an income. Some were sainted hosts and cooks whilst others actively disliked guests and used mealtimes as a deterrent against unnecessary lingering.

The rooms had certain standard features: A bed with a built-in creak, a dressing table with a slightly cracked mirror, a stool with a loose leg, a chest of drawers (one of which always got stuck) and a narrow wardrobe. Nothing matched. The drawers smelled either of lavender or ancient talcum powder mixed with dust.

The 'Rules of the House', pinned up in your room, told you when there was hot water or how to pay for it by coins in a slot. They stated a precise breakfast time and that you must be 'out' by 10am daily and 'You may not return before 4pm'.

For lunch, your mother would create cheese baps in her bedroom. The obligatory sand would added later by a brisk northerly. If it was wet every holidaymaker would be found in a café staring out of steamed up windows. One particular café owner was referred to as 'a right Tartar' by my mother. Was he Russian? The diminutive me asked him on one visit. He frowned as did my mother.

A good landlady prepare something you asked for during your stay such as a bread-and-butter pudding on Sunday. Otherwise, you got what you were given – just like at home. At teatime 'English summer fayre' was always on the menu: A small glass of fruit juice, served on a plate, was followed by meat and potato pie, an overcooked joint of meat on Sunday or chops, all served with boiled to death vegetables. This was nicely rounded off by a steamed pudding. Exactly what you wanted on a hot day.

One room I shared in Blackpool was tiny and vaguely triangular. The door could only be opened half-way as the bed was at an angle. A sign above the window proclaimed it to be the 'Fire Escape'. A thick rope was attached to a metal tube bolted to the wall. In the unfortunate event presumably, you might open the window and climb down the rope. 'Might' – as the window was stuck and nobody with a 46 inch waist or above could get into the room.

The most magical thing for a small child was being given permission to sound the dinner gong at the foot of the stairs. That was fun. What a scuttling, rushing, bumping sound it generated in the rooms and corridors above. Fun? There were no 'screens' back then apart from boring stuff in black and white. Gongs and boarding houses made for good memories.

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

Dinnington & District Horticultural Society

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Friends of Ulley Country Park

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By St Columba



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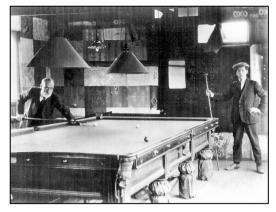
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Ivanhoe Temperance Club and Institute on Alexandra Road Swallownest

The Ivanhoe Temperance Club and Institute

The club is shown on the 1922 map but we don't yet know the date it was built. However, in the Sheffield Green 'un newspaper of Saturday 6th January 1912 it was reported that the newly formed Ivanhoe Bowling Club had laid the centre piece of turf on their new green. When completed it will be a crown green, 40 yards square. There are some 30 members at present, so that there is every prospect of a bright future. As there is no green nearer than some two miles or more, the outlook is most bright. The total cost of laying out the green will be something like \pounds 100.

Swallownest Working Men's Club Bowling Club

In December 1927 the Sheffield Independent reported on the presentation of prizes to this Bowling Club. Although the Swallownest WMC members have had a bowling green for only some four or five years, they exhibit a wonderful enthusiasm for the game.

Swallownest Football Club

A general meeting of the club was held on Monday 11th July 1938, presided over by Mr S Wilson. There was a good attendance.

Swallownest Baptist Church Football Club

The football club held a tea and social to mark success during the past season (1934). About 50 players and friends sat down to an excellent tea.

Swallownest Cricket Club

Swallownest practically made their position as leaders in the Bird League a certainty on Saturday 21st August by defeating Attercliffe Friends, thanks to the splendid display of G Dean, who batted well for his 20 runs and also secured three wickets for 24. Swallownest owe a great deal to this player for their many successes this season, he having many capital bowling performances to his credit.

Swallownest Wesleyan Cricket Club

In 1932, this Cricket Club has every reason to expect a good season. The club have entered the Norton League, Division 3, Section A and the Aston Nursing Association Cup. Captain Mr John Rayson; Vice Captain Mr Fred Hoyland. The ground is in Egerton Road, Swallownest.

Swallownest Tennis Club

These Tennis Club courts were opened on Good Friday 9th April 1936), when a fair number of members indulged in play in bright sunshine. In the evening a dance and social were held at the Welfare Hall in aid of the club funds.

Swallownest Miners' Welfare

The Miners' Welfare Hall, bult by Mr. James Turner of Barlborough, is nearing completion $(22^{nd}$ November 1930).

Swallownest Social Club

On Saturday 3rd June 1933 it was reported that officials elected for the new Swallownest Social Club are: President Mr. German Dean, trustees Messrs N T Blewitt C C Aughton, F Billingsley and W Riley

Swallownest Social Club Fishing Club

The Fishing Club fished their annual match on Saturday 3rd September 1938 at Ancholme, Brigg. The weather was wet. Twenty members fished but only ten caught.

Swallownest Wheelers Cycling Club.

Owing to the increasing interest in cycling in Swallownest and District, it was decided yesterday, 25th March 1935, that a cycling club should be formed, to be known as the Swallownest Wheelers Cycling Club. It has been organised by Mr S Allison of Swallownest, formerly of Beighton. The first run will be to Laneham. The fee has been fixed at 3s. 6d. including the 2s. NUC. fee. Ladies are specially invited to join. Mr A Bradley of Swallownest has been elected Secretary, Mr S Allison, Treasurer, C Hirst, Captain and Tom Sharpe Vice Captain.

Swallownest Outing Club

This Club had their annual outing to Blackpool Illuminations during the weekend (October 1938). Saturday was an ideal day but the gale on Sunday put the damper on outdoor attractions; nevertheless, a very happy time was spent. The journey was made by motor coach.

Swallownest Amateur Musical Society

A very enjoyable evening was spent by members and friends of this Society at the Church Hall on Saturday 19th May 1928. There was a good company present and a capital programme, which had been arranged by the committee, was much appreciated. Dancing was also indulged in, the music being provided by Mrs Carnall and Mr F Bridgewater.

Swallownest Evening Institute Choral Society

On Thursday evening 23rd April 1931 an excellent concert was given by members of the Choral Society. There was a large attendance.

Dance Club

A dance was held on Thursday evening 18th June 1936 at Swallownest Welfare Hall by a newly formed dance club. A fair number attended. Sid Storey (Aston) was the pianist, MCs being Miss A Jones and Mr Chas Cooper.

Swallownest Temperance Band

This Band took part in the procession of the annual Aston and District Carnival on 6th August 1916. They also played selections of music during the afternoon.

Swallownest Garden and Allotment Society

The fourth annual show of this Society held in September 1936 attracted over 400 entries.

Swallownest Evening Institute

About 250 people attended the annual social and dance of Swallownest Evening Institute on 18th December 1937. It was organised by headmaster, Mr D J Jones of Aston. Mr G Rodgers, instructor of the ambulance section, was MC.

Homing Society

On Saturday 30th April 1932 an open race was held in which 77 birds competed. Mr H Williamson of Swallownest is the secretary of the Society.

Swallownest British Legion

26th April 1938. Mr. Arthur Naylor of Worksop Road, Swallownest has been appointed chairman of the newly formed Swallownest sub-branch of the British Legion.

Labour Party

The newly-formed Swallownest branch of the Labour Party last night decided to hold a public meeting on Sunday 28th May 1933 to discuss the new Means Test proposals. County Councillor W T Blewitt of Aughton will be the speaker.

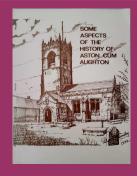
Ancient Order of Foresters' Friendly Society

The second annual demonstration of this Friendly Society was celebrated on Saturday 26th September 1896. The procession visited Aston Parish Church and walked to Swallownest Board School where upwards of 250 members and friends ate a capital tea.

Sheffield Equalised Independent Druids

On Tuesday 4th June 1895 the Sheffield Independent reported that the Swallownest Lodge held their anniversary. The officers and members of the lodge marched in procession through Swallownest, Aughton, Aston, Netherthorpe to Aston Church led by Beighton Town Brass Band. The Band accompanied the Hymns and after leaving the church they marched through North Staveley to Swallownest Board School where an excellent tea was provided and upwards of 300 sat down. Songs and dancing were kept up till a late hour and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Ann Key Secretary Aston-cum-Aughton History Group



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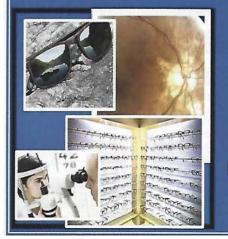
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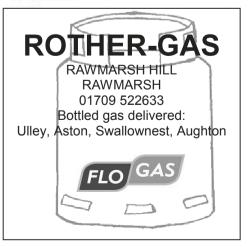
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