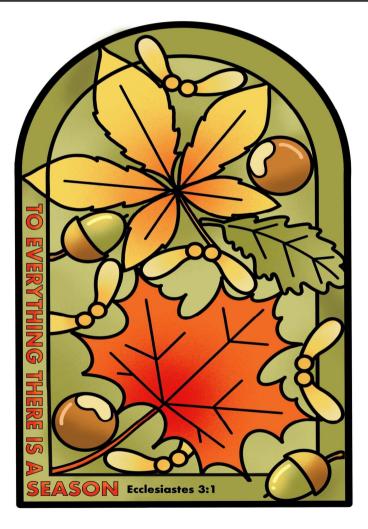
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On the Perils of being a School Governor

The Rectory St James the Least of All

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Remember, too, that all meetings require you sit on chairs designed for five-year-olds. You will then spend countless hours going through a 40-item agenda, trying to look dignified with your knees somewhere round your ears while drawing up school plans as if they were the Normandy landing. Be prepared to receive paperwork measured by the hundredweight; entire rainforests have been obliterated by your education authority sending what they seem to think is vital information; it does, however, make good cat litter

Most meetings will be so full of acronyms that for the first few years you will have the feeling that conversation is taking place in a language that may bear a passing resemblance to English, but isn't. There is little point in trying to learn what they all mean because before too long, they will all be replaced by another set anyway, which will be equally incomprehensible.

Your computer abilities will be expected to be far beyond what anyone over the age of 30 could ever be expected to achieve; if you sink without trace, ask a seven-year-old, who will soon put you right.

You will also be encouraged to attend training days; I strongly suggest you select all-day events, as at least you will get a lunch out of it. You needn't bother to arrive on time, since the first hour will be spent with everyone introducing themselves and you can leave early, as the final hour will go on filling in evaluation forms.

Just keep reminding yourself that your term of office is a mere five years; you may even get remission for good behaviour.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace



ALL SAINTS ASTON SERVICES IN OCTOBER 2024

Wednesday 2 October

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 6 October

10:30am All Age Worship & Holy Communion

Wednesday 9 October

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 13 October

10:30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 16 October

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 20 October

10:30am Holy Communion

6:00pm COME & SING EVENSONG

with Rt Rev Dr Pete Wilcox, Bishop of Sheffield

Wednesday 23 October

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 27 October

10:30am Holy Communion

6:00pm SUNG COMPLINE





Holy Trinity Church Ulley Services in October

Sunday 6 October

9:00am Holy Communion

Sunday 13 October

10:30am Morning Worship

Sunday 20 October

10:30am Holy Communion - Harvest Festival

Sunday 27 October

10:30am Morning Worship

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We welcome the residents of our Community. Many of our children visit and play under supervision at our various organised groups. Many of these groups and services are highlighted in this Monthly Parish Magazine.

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

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

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

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



We are grateful to members of our congregation and friends who donate to assist in all that we try to do in the development and the continuing pathway work of our Church. These donations are made by a monthly bank direct debit, a weekly envelope scheme or by cash in the collection tray. All monies are used to help in the running of our church.

We hope you too would like to consider becoming part of the continuation of our work and the future of our Church by donating whatever you feel you can afford. Being a charity, if you are a tax payer each £1.00 donation you give attracts 25p from the government, which as you can understand is of great help to us.

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

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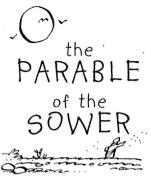
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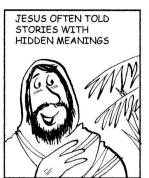
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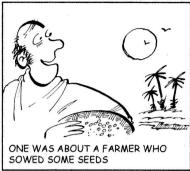
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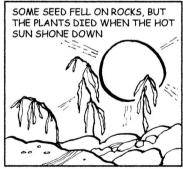


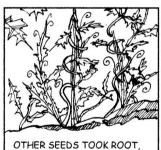




THE FARMER HOPED THEY WOULD TAKE ROOT JUST WHERE THEY LANDED







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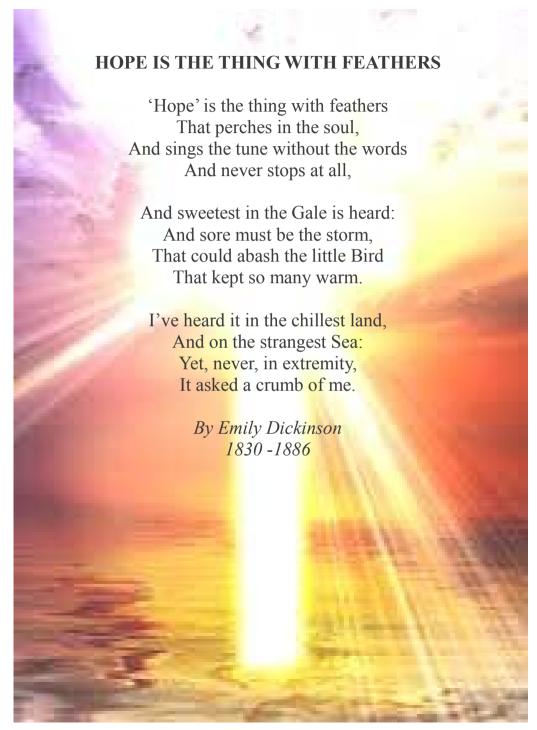


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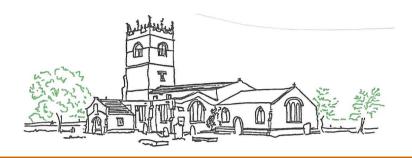


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2nd October: Guardian Angels keeping an Eye on us.



The teaching of Jesus encourages us to believe in guardian angels. He once said, 'See that you do not look down on one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven.' (Matthew 18:10)

The existence of angels was suggested in various Old Testament texts, Jesus mentioned them explicitly, and the early Christians accepted their existence and work (Acts 12:15).

In England, devotion to the angels, both in Anglo-Saxon times and later, was strong. In modern times, the great American evangelist Billy Graham has written an entire book on the existence and work of angels.

Alcuin described them as intercessors (in the 11th century Leofric Missal); Herbert of Losinga, bishop of Norwich (d 1119) specially praised them, and his contemporary, Reginald of Canterbury, wrote prayers in their honour.

Honorius Augustodunenis (d 1151) clarified the existing belief of the time by asserting that each human soul, when infused into the body, is entrusted to the particular care of a single angel, who protects both body and soul and offers prayers to God.

For many centuries Christendom was satisfied with the feast of St Michael (and all Angels), but the special feast of the Guardian Angels was introduced in Austria, Spain and Portugal in the 15th – 16th centuries. Guardian Angels were then seen as guardians of particular towns or regions, or of each individual. Pope Clement X made the feast day universal in 1607, fixing its date to 2nd October.



10th October: Thomas Traherne Lover of Nature

Thomas Traherne (1636 – 1674) is a good saint for anyone who loves our planet, and who wants to preserve Creation. This 17th century poet and clergyman wrote extensively about his love for nature, seeing in it a reflection of the glory of God. Traherne was not of a literary family, for his father was either a shoemaker or innkeeper in Hereford. But Traherne did well at the Hereford Cathedral School and went on to Brasenose College Oxford. From there he became rector of Credenhill near Hereford in 1657, and ten years later was appointed to be the private chaplain to Sir Orlando Bridgement, the Lord Keeper of the Great Seal to King Charles II, who lived at Teddington.



Throughout his years at Credenhill and then Teddington, Traherne led a simple and devout life, and his friendliness drew people to him. He was described as "one of the most pious ingenious men that ever I was acquainted with", and being of "cheerful and sprightly Temper", ready to do "all good Offices to his Friends, and Charitable to the Poor almost beyond his ability". Aside from his beloved books, he seems to have possessed very little.

Instead, he poured his energy into his writings, which had an intense, mystical, metaphysical spirituality. His poems and prose frequently mention the glory of Creation, and his intimate relationship with God, for whom he had an ardent, childlike love. Traherne has been compared to later poets such as William Blake, Walt Whitman and Gerard Manley Hopkins, and his love for nature has been seen as very similar to the Romantic movement, though he lived two centuries earlier.

He is best known for his Centuries of Meditations, which has been described as "one of the finest prose-poems in our language." Lost for many years, and then finally first published in 1908, it was a favourite of the Trappist monk Thomas Merton, the Christian humanist Dorothy Sayers, and the writer C.S. Lewis, among others. CS.Lewis considered Centuries of Meditations "almost the most beautiful book in English."

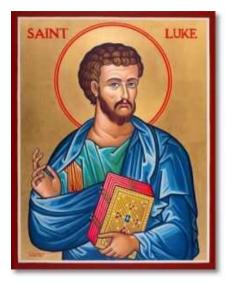
Traherne died in 1674, and is buried in St Mary's Teddington, under the church's reading desk. Today he is counted as one of the leading 17th-century devotional poets.



18th October: Thank you Doctor Luke

'Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, bless the bed that I lie on' – my grandma taught me that one. At least it meant I never forgot the names of the writers of the four Gospels. This month Luke, the writer of the third of them, has his feast day – 18th October.

He was, we learn from the letters of St Paul, a 'physician' – an educated man and probably the only one of the writers of the New Testament who was not a Jew. In modern terms, he was Turkish. Paul took him as one of his missionary team on a long journey around the Middle East, and they clearly became close friends. Under house arrest later in his life Paul could write, 'only Luke is with me'.



However, it is his Gospel which has established him as a major figure in the history of the Christian Church. Mark's Gospel may have more drama, Matthew's more prophetic background and John's a more profound sense of the mystery of the divine, but Luke offers us a Jesus who is utterly and believably real. This man turned no one away, reserved his harshest words for hypocrites and religious grandees, cared for the marginalised, the poor, the persecuted, the handicapped and the sinful. His Gospel is full of people we can recognise – indeed, in whom we can often recognise ourselves.

He was also a masterly story-teller. Try, for instance, the story of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32). Read it (this time) not as a sacred text but as a brilliant piece of story-telling: subtle repetitions ('your son, this brother of yours'), believable characters, drama and profound emotion. There is the older brother, so cynical about his sibling's alleged reformation, the 'prodigal' himself, so hesitant about throwing himself on his father's mercy after the folly of his earlier behaviour, and there is the father, of course, abandoning the dignity of his role in the family and actually running to welcome his wretched son's return.

There are more women in Luke's Gospel than in any of the others, but also more poor people, more lepers, more 'sinners' and tax-collectors, more 'outsiders' who are shown to be 'inside' the love of Christ. This, for many of us, is the great Gospel of inclusion and compassion. Here is a Jesus for the whole world and for every one of us. Thank you, Dr Luke!



"What can I Say?"

"What can I say that I have not said before?"
So I'll say it again.
The leaf has a song in it.
Stone is the face of patience.

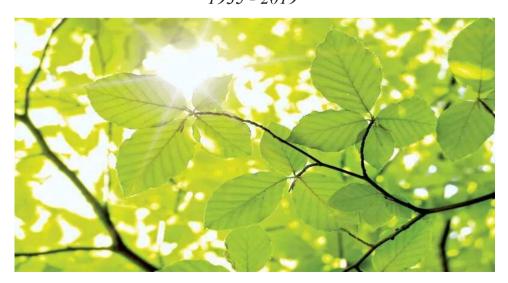
Inside the river there is an unfinishable story and you are somewhere in it and it will never end until all ends.

Take your busy heart to the art museum and the chamber of commerce but take it also to the forest.

The song you heard singing in the leaf when you were a child is singing still.

I am of years lived, so far, seventy-four, and the leaf is singing still.

By Mary Oliver 1935 - 2019







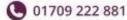
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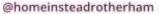
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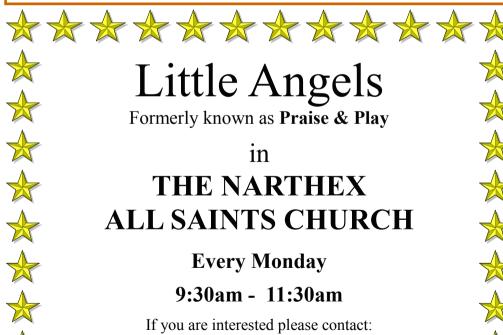
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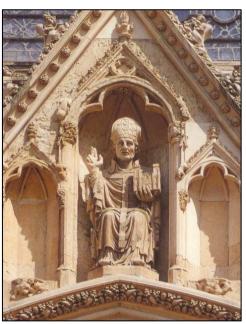
THE FAMILIES WHO HELD THE MANOR OF ASTON FROM 1066 - 1948

From the time of the Conquest until 1928 Aston was largely owned by four knightly or gentry families who had possession over many generations; the de Warennes from 1066, the Meltons from 1332, the Darcys from 1521 and the Verelsts from 1774. Then from 1928 - 1948 the Matthews. Beginning with the de Warennes I will include an article each month about each of these families.

THE MELTONS

William Melton was born of humble parents in Melton in the parish of Welton, about nine miles from Hull and he became one of the most powerful churchmen of his period in England. He was Lord Privy Seal from 1307-1312, Controller of the Royal Household from 1307-1314 and its Treasurer from 1314-1316. He was Archbishop of York from 1317 to 1340 and during this time he was twice Treasurer of the Exchequer. He completed the building of the nave of York Minster and the window above the door was his gift, made in 1339.

In 1332 he bought the Manor of Aston and built a new manor house and added the chancel and porch to the Church. He died in April 1340, a very wealthy man, and was buried in the north aisle of the nave in York Minster



Statue of Archbishop Melton over the west door of York Minster

His heir was his nephew, Sir William Melton who received a very large inheritance that included the manors of Aston, Kilham, Owstwick nd Towton and land in North Milford and Sherburn, all in Yorkshire. Also properties in Nottinghamshire and Hampshire. He later acquired estates in Cotness, Fenton, Wilton, Whiston, Laughton and other parts of Yorkshire.

Thus began seven generations of Meltons in Aston. They became one of the most powerful knightly families in Yorkshire and all served as High Sheriff of Yorkshire and MPs in Parliament. Most of them married the daughters of



Sir William had been born in 1317 and in 1330 he married Joan the daughter of Anthony Lord Lucy of Cockermouth, Durham. He died in 1369.

He was succeeded by his son Sir William. He had been born at Aston in 1340 and married Isabel Everingham of Laxton, Herefordshire. In 1369 he returned to France in the retinue of John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster. He served with John in Scotland in 1383 and in the Royal Army with Richard II in 1385. He also took his seat in Parliament. He served as High Sheriff of Yorkshire in 1375, 1379 and 1390. Sir William drew up his will in early January 1398 and made provision for a fairly elaborate funeral at the church in Aston. He died on the 8th March aged 58.

He was succeeded by his son Sir John Melton, born 1377. He married Margaret, daughter of Sir Roger de Clifford of Appleby and died in 1455 at Aston. His heir was his son John, born 1415. He married Elizabeth daughter and heir of Sir Robert Hilton of Swine, Holderness. She died in 1454 and he then married Cecily Mainwaring, widow of Thomas Foulshurst and John Curson. Sir John died in 1458.

He was succeeded by his son John, born in 1425. In 1443 he married Margery daughter of Lord FitzHugh of Ravensworth Castle, Yorkshire. He died in 1458. Their gravestone is in St. Mary's Church, Swine in Holderness, Yorkshire.

His heir, also John, was born in 1455. He married Alice Stanley, daughter of Sir John Stanley of Elford, who died in 1493. He then married Eleanor, widow of Sir John Zouche.

During the Wars of the Roses, fought between 1455 and 1485 the Melton's supported Richard III and John Melton fought at the Battle of Bosworth Field on 22nd August 1485 when King Richard III was killed and Henry Tudor, Earl of Richmond, became King Henry VII. John is said to have laid the first stone of the chapel Richard III intended to build commemorating the dead of the battle of Towton

Many of those who fought on the Yorkist side were punished, some severely, but fortunately John kept his life and his estates, possibly because of his marriage to Alice Stanley, daughter of Sir John Stanley. The Stanleys fought on Bosworth Field in support of Henry Tudor.



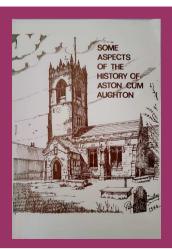
Sir John died in 1511 and was interred in the north aisle of Aston Church. His tomb was dismantled many years ago but the brass shields and wording from his tomb are on the wall of the chancel.

The brass reads:

OF YOUR CHARITE PRAY FOR THE SOULE OF SIR JOHN
MELTON KNYGHT WHICH DECESSED THE 17 DAY OF
JULY THE YEAR OF O^R LORD GOD OUR FATHER AND THE SECONDE
YEAR OF THE REIGNE OF KING HENRY THE VIII
ON WHOSE SOULE THOU HAVE MERCY AMEN

He was succeeded by his son John who married Catherine daughter of Sir Hugh Hastings of Fenwick, South Yorkshire. They had no son, just one daughter, Dorothy, born in 1509, who was his heir. Sir John arranged a marriage between Dorothy and George D'Arcy and the contract was signed at Aston on 26th March 1521. George was the son and heir of Thomas Lord D'Arcy of Temple Newsam, who was beheaded in 1538 by Henry VIII for being involved in the rebellion in the north against the dissolution of the monasteries, called the Pilgrimage of Grace. George's marriage restored his fortune and later his title of Lord D'Arcy was reinstated.

Ann Key Aston-cum-Aughton History Group



Aston-cum-Aughton History Group

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Morning Worship (3rd Sunday)	10:30am
When there is a 5th Sunday To Be Arranged	10:30am
Evensong (2nd Sunday)	6.00pm
Compline (4th Sunday)	6:00pm
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Aston-cum-Aughton History Group

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Contacts: Malcolm 07720 776081 or Elizabeth 07594 410801

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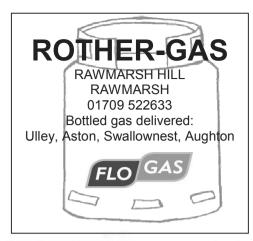
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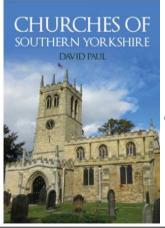
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