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Cheadle Hulme

INFORMATION PAGE

SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00am Holy Communion (2nd in month)
10.00am Parish Eucharist
6.30pm Evensong

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion

Thursday 10.00am.
Holy Days to be announced.

Matins

Daily at 9.00am.



CONFESSION AND SPIRITUAL COUNSELLING

By arrangement with the Clergy.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BAPTISMS, BANNS AND WEDDINGS

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MOTHERS' UNION

Corporate Communion 10.00am on the 2nd Thursday in Church. Details of all meetings are in Saints Alive and weekly notices. See Notice Board.

MENS' SOCIETY

Monthly meetings on the 1st Thursday, September to May, at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room.
Chairman: Mr Bradley Torbitt (486 9387).
Secretary: Mr Mike Parry (485 7886).

FRIDAY CLUB

Fortnightly meetings on Friday evening usually in the Meeting Room at 7.30pm. Open to women of all age groups. Chairman is Lily Mitchelhill (485 5187) Secretary is Julia Ball (440 8647)

JAMES GROUP

The James Group exists to encourage the Church's ministry of healing, and the practice of regular intercession for the sick. The branch meets monthly to say an Office of Intercession: there is also a monthly Corporate Communion. For further information please contact: The Secretary: Pat Yates (485 4546).

BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP

Secretary: Mrs Julia Ball (440 8647).

UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS

Cubs: (7th Cheadle Hulme) Meet on a Friday 6.30pm - 8.00pm at Thorn Grove.
Andrew Thompson
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Beavers: (7th Cheadle Hulme)
Meet on a Friday 6.00pm - 7.15pm in the Parish Rooms. Mrs J. Metcalfe
jacquie.metcalfe@theadlescouts.org.uk

Brownies: (11th Cheadle Hulme)
Meet on a Monday 6.00pm - 7.15pm at Thorn Grove.
Jo Taylor
brownow11ththeadleulme@yahoo.com

Rainbows: (2nd Cheadle Hulme)
Meet on a Monday 6.00pm - 7.00pm



Just As I Am

Just as I am - without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come!

Just as I am - though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,

Just as I am - poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,

Just as I am - Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,

Just as I am - Thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,

Just as I am - of that free love
The breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
Here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come!

Charlotte Elliott (1789 - 1871)



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Away Days

One of the benefits of being retired is that to a certain degree one is a free agent. No longer does one need to consider all the reasons why one should not do as one pleases. If the conditions are right, if there are no family commitments or appointments due, one can more or less please oneself as to what one gets up to.

Some years ago, we decided on going away for a few days. It was not to one of the large seaside resorts like Llandudno or Blackpool, but to a smaller one on the same coast.

One of the attractions of where we were heading was that it wasn't a long drive away.

We had chosen to go to Southport. Being retired we were not restricted to having a "Weekend Break". Going for a few days *midweek*, we had no trouble in finding a modest hotel situated only a couple of streets back from the front.

Being retired gave us the freedom to relax and unwind. Gone were the days when one was fully aware of the fact that in too short a time the workplace would be ready and waiting for one's return. So we spent a few days in Southport, wandering around the shops, and doing what holidaymakers do, lingering over cups of coffee and watching the world go by. We settled down on the beach and watched the boats in the distance coming and going from Liverpool docks. We were soon wishing we had thought to put our deckchairs in the boot of the car. As for the sea, we remembered that at Southport one had to get one's timing right if one wished to see the sea! When the tide was out, the sea can be just a distant presence, as one may put it, "far out to sea." We found that the tide was in, which meant that if we had felt so inclined, we could easily have gone paddling. What with the sea, the sea air, *and* the sun, it was so easy to imagine that we were there in June or July, not February.

For most of us, February is a month to be endured. Most years one needs to wrap up warm, and find one's pleasures in seasonal February pursuits. But not that year. And here's a sobering thought. We must not overlook the fact that before this month is out, the Season of Lent will be upon us. Ash Wednesday is on the 26th, and the traditionalists amongst us will be looking forward to giving something up. Maybe a trip to the seaside like the one I have written about would not be deemed as an appropriate choice as a "Lenten Exercise of Restraint", but believe you me, the Lord was very much with us during the time when we were there. Just a few days spent away, away from the normal activities of our everyday lives, at home, in the shops and in church. *Claud Metson*



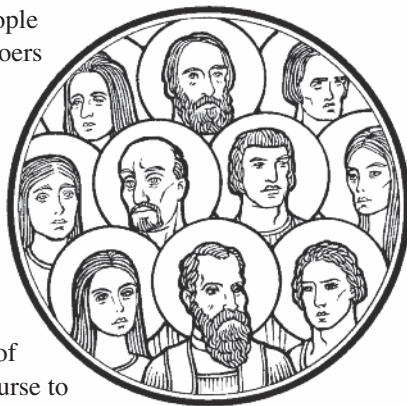
Who would YOU choose?

The Church of England Calendar of Saints lists people known (and some unknown) to Anglican Church-goers like myself. Parish churches named “All Saints” have a special interest in these.

Many men and women canonised by the Church of Rome as Catholic Saints are there, recognised for their holiness and contribution to the Christian life. Colourful medieval personalities wrapped in curious legend make good reading and set examples in perseverance, generosity and sacrifice.

The joy of the Anglican Calendar is its veneration of post-Reformation personalities added without recourse to the requirements for canonisation in the Roman Catholic tradition.

During the twentieth century several holy people have been added to the Calendar and one or two stand out as favourites. I expect we are drawn to those people with whom we can identify in their joys and woes, confident, like them, that we are all loved and called to be saints - to be different, set apart....but never alone. (Romans 1:7)



Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Do you have one such favourite person? Here are four from the Anglican Calendar that are on my Favourites List: ***Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer***, German Second World War martyr.

Eglantyne Jebb, founder of the “Save the Children” organisation.

Paul Couturier, promoter of the concept of Christian unity.

Evelyn Underhill, writer and mystic.

Who would be on your calendar?

Gay Saunders



Eglantyne Jebb



Paul Couturier



Evelyn Underhill



New research findings published on clergy flourishing



A new set of findings from a 10-year study into the well-being and flourishing of ordained ministers in the Church of England has been recently published.

The Living Ministry programme tracks the progress of groups of clergy ordained in 2006, 2011 and 2015 and women and men who entered training for ordination in 2016, seeking to understand what helps clergy to flourish in ministry.

The latest research from the project includes responses from 579 ordained clergy and 113 people training for ordained ministry in the Church of England.

The quantitative study includes research into physical, mental, relational, financial material, spiritual and vocational well-being, as well as responses to questions about ministerial effectiveness.

The Rt Revd Dr Chris Goldsmith, Director of the Ministry Division of the Church of England said: “This 10-year programme is providing valuable long-term insights into the experiences of our ordained clergy from initial training and curacy and throughout ministry. The findings will help inform the dioceses and theological education colleges and courses in their vital work in the selection, formation and long-term support of ordained clergy.”

It’s all in the spelling...

- G – God**
- R – ran**
- A – alongside**
- C – carrying**
- E – everything**



The Grace of God

May the great God give His grace
 And may it lie on thee,
 And MacMary Virgin grace
 And mayest thou it see,
 And the perfect Spirit grace
 And may it with thee be,
 Gently and gen’rously.

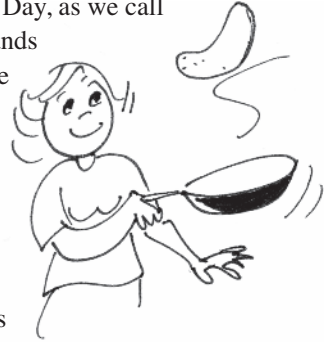
From Poems of the Western Highlanders



Shrove Tuesday - Who's for pancakes?

Why do we have pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, or Pancake Day, as we call it today? And what is Shrove Tuesday? And why do thousands of people feel it rewarding to race along a street somewhere tossing pancakes from their frying pans as they go?

Well, the answer to the first question is that it is the day before Lent begins and for well over a thousand years that has meant it was the last chance to enjoy meat, fat and other tasty dishes until Easter Day. The 'Lent Fast' was widely and strictly observed. The food in the larder wouldn't keep for six weeks so it had to be eaten. With all these rich foods no wonder the French call it 'Fatty Tuesday' – Mardi Gras.



So, what have pancake races got to do with all this solemnity? 'Shrove' is an old word for 'forgiven' and in those days to prepare for the rigours of Lent people would want to confess and seek forgiveness – not quite what you want at a party. The answer is quite simply enjoying yourself while you can! So, on Shrove Tuesday this year let's have some fun and make it last as long as possible.

The most convincing (and amusing) of the explanations of pancake races is of outwitting the Sexton who rang the curfew bell that marked the start of Lent. He was reluctant to do it while the race was unfinished. So, the revelry caused by dropped pancakes, postponed the inevitable.

Since the Reformation it has not been so rigorously observed in Britain, but still people will resolve to 'give up something for Lent'. Six weeks is about right as a duration and Sunday has always been exempt but make the most of those pancakes. They may well not reappear until April 12th!



Have Pity on Me

You are rich, Lord, in grace and mercy, willing to cleanse all sinners from their guilt. Cleanse me with hyssop, have pity on me. In your mercy spare me, as you spared the publican and the prodigal son. You take the sinfulness from sinners, O Christ, and when we repent you make us welcome beside you. Redeemer of the human race, in your mercy, have pity on me.

My sins have bowed me to the ground... I could not have done more to achieve my own ruin if I had rushed over a precipice. Who but you can restore me to the beauty in which you created me? Who but you can remake me in the image of yourself? In your mercy, Lord, deliver me; have pity on me... Grant me the dew of your grace, Lord. Forgive my sins. But above all, may the glory belong to you.

Lent Fasting



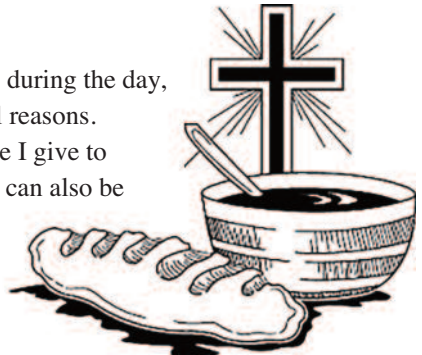
This month sees the start of Lent, the season of penitence, self-examination and fasting running up to Easter. Fasting can be a neglected discipline, but it plays an important part in the Christian life. Jesus began His earthly ministry by fasting in the wilderness for 40 days and He taught His disciples to fast (i.e. not if but ‘when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen.’ (Matthew 6:17,18).

Why Fast?

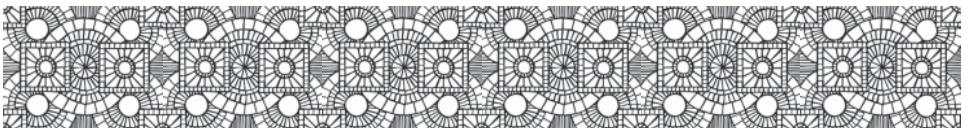
Firstly, giving up something in my life underlines my desire to put God first in my life. Secondly, fasting shows me how much I depend on things other than God in my life, so I can surrender my idols to Him. Thirdly, fasting encourages me to have a deeper hunger and dependency for God in my life. Therefore, fasting gives me space to humbly focus on God for His strength, provision, and wisdom and results in a more intimate relationship with Christ. It also enables the Holy Spirit to reveal my true spiritual condition, leading to brokenness, repentance, and a transformed life, with a heart more attentive to God.

How can I fast?

Usually fasting involves missing one or two meals during the day, although some can't abstain from food for medical reasons. It might also include abstaining or limiting the time I give to television, alcohol or social media. However, Lent can also be a time to embrace new spiritual disciplines e.g. joining a study group, ‘random acts of kindness’, or giving more time to prayer and Bible study. Whatever you do, make Lent count this year!



*‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.’
(Matthew 5:6).*



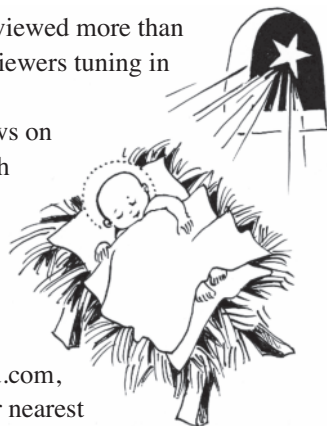
Church of England Christmas advert got 170,000 views in just 48 hours

The Church of England's Christmas Advert for 2019 was viewed more than 170,000 times in the two days following its launch, with viewers tuning in via Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and YouTube.

In the first 48 hours, the advert received over 110,000 views on Facebook, and a further 60,000 on Twitter, entirely through organic sharing by churches and individuals.

For the first time, the CofE had also created interactive stickers for churches and individuals to use as part of their social media posts and stories, which have already been seen nearly 160,000 times.

Also, almost 20,000 have been added to AChurchNearYou.com, the CofE's 'church finder' which helps people to find their nearest events, and discover the Christmas story.



Psalm 23 Garden coming to RHS Chelsea



The Bible Society has announced that “We’re absolutely thrilled to be working with award-winning garden designer Sarah Eberle, to bring Psalm 23 to life at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show in May 2020!”

The Psalm 23 Garden at RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2020, designed by Sarah Eberle, will offer visitors the chance “to stop, reflect, and feel refreshed”.

The Bible Society said: “This powerful psalm, with its visual imagery of green pastures, still waters and the valley of the shadow of death, just cries out to be turned into a garden.

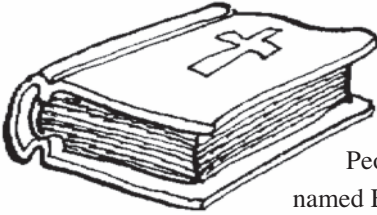
“We hope you’ll love it. And after the Chelsea Flower Show, the garden will find a permanent home at the Winchester Hospice in Hampshire, where it will be a blessing to patients and families.”

The Bible Society says it is also hoping that people will “join us in creating community gardens across the country inspired by the Psalm 23 Garden. You can do this outside your office, in your school grounds, or in your churchyard. Let’s get gardening!”

You can follow the project on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and join us on the road to Chelsea.



Lent – a good time to deepen your prayer life



Lent is a time to take stock of ourselves spiritually. This includes setting aside extra time for prayer. Here are some helpful things to remember as you settle down to it:

People have been praying since Adam had a grandson named Enosh. The Bible tells us (Genesis 4:26) that it was during his days when ‘men began to call on the name of the Lord’. They have been doing it ever since.

People have had their prayers answered by God since Genesis, too. But if you want to read some beautiful prayers – and answers to them, browse through the Psalms.

Again and again the psalmist writes: “the Lord heard my cry”.

So – what do you need to bring to prayer? Just the tiniest amount of faith that God is even there. Jesus assures us that even faith as big as a tiny mustard seed will be effective. What gives you the right to come before Almighty God? Jesus does. The Bible is clear that “there is one mediator between God and men, the man Jesus Christ”. (1 Timothy 2:5)

The Bible makes clear that God does not stand on ceremony – in fact, He prefers our personal, spontaneous prayers. Jesus was very matter of fact about it: “When you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.” (Matthew 6:6)

The Bible assures us that prayer will bring us good things: “we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need”. (Hebrews 4:16)

Above all, prayer must be made with a pure heart. “If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.” (Psalm 66:18) That simply means that if you know you are doing something wrong, and intend to keep right on doing it, don’t waste your time praying.

Finally, what can be the results of your prayers this Lent? Here are seven, for starters...

1. Joy and deep happiness. (John 16:24)
2. Relief from your worry, stress and tension (Philippians 4:6,7)
3. Wisdom and more mental clarity (James 1:5,6)
4. Protection and deliverance from temptations (Matthew 26:41)
5. An ability to share the Good News of Jesus to other people (Matthew 9:38)
6. Strength to persevere when you feel under spiritual attack (Ephesians 6:18)
7. A growing thankfulness to God, who is worthy of all glory (Revelation 4:11)





Church Action on Poverty Sunday – 23rd February

Church Action on Poverty Sunday takes place later this month. Many of us want to help the poor, but the challenges are huge. ‘Good News for the poor’ – that was what Jesus promised – and the crowd flocked to hear it. But He didn’t promise to abolish poverty. ‘The poor you always have with you’, He said, and everything we have seen since has proved that He was right.

Two thousand years, many political promises and different regimes, and we still have poor people, often living alongside the conspicuously rich.

‘Good news for the poor’? Not, it appears, in any political or social revolution. Sadly, we have yet to abolish poverty.

But followers of Jesus have been in the forefront of those who have tried to mitigate its consequences. Churches and various individual Christians have been prime movers in the amazing development of Food Banks.

The Bradford-based charity ‘Christians against Poverty’ has helped literally tens of thousands of people out of debt. Night shelters for the homeless, schools in the world’s poorest lands and support for drug addicts – these are on the agenda of every Church and that is good news for the poor.

There is so much more to be done if poverty is ever to be eliminated. But not being able to do it all mustn’t stop us doing what we can. So this year, why not do something to support Church Action on Poverty? Details at: www.church-poverty.org.uk/sunday/



*In our need he walks beside us,
ears alert for ev'ry cry;
watchful eyes to guard and guide us,
love that whispers, "It is I."
Good shall triumph, wrong be righted,
God has pledged his promised word;
so with ransomed saints united
join to praise our living Lord!*

How do you feel about sharing your faith?

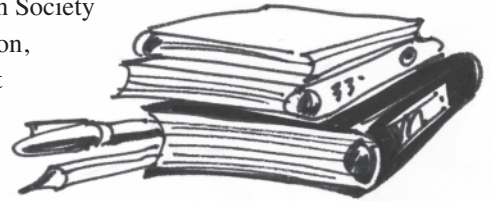
Perhaps you have been ‘gossiping the gospel’ for years? Maybe you even lead a small group, or are passionate about community outreach? Or – perhaps you feel a quiver of panic at the very thought of talking about your faith. Society seems to be hostile, and so you struggle to know how to engage with people who think very differently from you.



If you struggle, then here is good news: Bible Society is keen to help you. It has recently launched a new website called Lumino (<https://lumino.bible/>) to do just that. Lumino aims to support Christians who want to share the good news. It explains the different types of people you are likely to encounter, and their attitudes to the Bible and Christianity. Bible Society has found from research that “an estimated 20% of the population is open to the Bible, open to faith and interested in knowing more. What an exciting opportunity...”

New research highlights how mission entrepreneurs are being trained

New research carried out by Church Mission Society has explored the relationship between mission, theology and business. And it has found that mission entrepreneurship is having a significant impact, in both churches and across local communities.



‘Make Good’, part of CMS’s training programme, explores the relationship between mission and enterprise, and helps students to set up new missional projects. 76% of those responding to the survey had started missional projects of their own. One example is the Rev Adam Gompertz, a classic car enthusiast, who wants to build a ‘service station’ that would not only attract car enthusiasts but provide a community space where families could gather for a good night out – and hear the Christian message. Jonny Baker, director of mission education at CMS, said: “This research into mission entrepreneurship clearly shows the strong connection between mission and business. If we really want the Church to be good news, working in partnership with local communities for positive transformation, we must invest in programmes such as Make Good, to help build a better world.”

The Spirit Within

*When the road lies dark before you
And it's hard to find the way,
Keep your spirit strong within you,
Hope will help you through each day.*

*When your worries overwhelm you
And the walls are closing in,
Seek that hidden strength inside you,
Feel a healing peace begin.*

*When the world looks vast and empty
And you're feeling quite alone,
Reach out for all your memories,
And the kindness you have known.*

*When you see a ray of sunshine
Never let it slip away,
Hold fast to all that you believe,
And you'll find a brighter day.*

Iris Hesselden



The Good Times



*Thank You, Lord, for the good times,
The happiness and fun,
The days of laughing in the rain,
Or lazing in the sun.
The times of looking forward
With not a care in sight,
The days when all our plans and schemes
Could set the world alight.*

*And even when the doubts and fears
Came knocking on our door,
We faced them all, with help from You,
And lewarned to smile once more.
The years were far too precious
To waste or to regret,
So, thank You, Lord, for the good times,
I never will forget!
Iris Hesselden*



*If He gives you friendship,
you are blessed.
If He gives you love,
you are truly blessed.*



FRIDAY CLUB

Friday 22nd November 2019 - "Preparations for the Christmas Fair"

Friday Club members arrived at the Parish Rooms on Friday evening between 6.00pm and 8.00pm to price the items ready for the Christmas Fair the next morning.

We arranged our goods on the tables. We had fancy goods, toiletries and things for Christmas donated by our congregation and members of Friday Club. Some of our members were also involved in the Bric-a-Brac stall.

Saturday 23rd November 2019 - "Christmas Fair"

Friday Club members were busy selling items at the Christmas Fair on both the Fancy Goods stall and the Bric-a-Brac stall. The fair was opened by our Vicar Janet. Ann, our treasurer, counted the takings we had made and then passed them on to David Pickett. We made less than



previous years but still made over £300 to add to the Charity Committees' funds.

This year the Charity Committee made donations of £760 to each of the three charities nominated for this year. A big thank you to all the members of Friday Club who helped on the day by manning the stalls or supporting the fair. *Lily Mitchelhill*

Friday 29th November 2019 - "Chutney and Cheer"

Melanie Latham



After recruiting two volunteers to make tea, and having prayers, we welcomed Melanie to Friday Club. She is the face of Holly Cottage Preserves and gave us a demonstration and later she had various jams and chutneys for sale.

She has been speaking to groups for many years and usually makes a speech of about 45 minutes and once did on a very full

bladder as her comparatively short journey to Lancaster took a full three hours as there was a spillage of gin. There was no toilet nearby and she had to wriggle through her talk. Melanie suffered four strokes last year so she is liable to lose words, has facial blindness which is a difficulty in recognising people and some loss of peripheral vision.

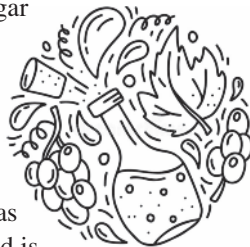
Her grandmother, a nurse, lived at Holly Cottage in Sandbach. She saw everything in black and white and one of her favourite sayings was "What is the difference between a nurse and a terrorist?" "You can negotiate with a terrorist!" She also laid people out after they had died. If they had been bad in life she laid them face down in the coffin.

It was her grandmother, her Nanna, who taught Melanie how to make preserves.

On Friday evenings Nanna received some payments in kind like potatoes or tomatoes but if it was a chicken it would be kept for eggs and if it didn't produce eggs it would become Sunday lunch. Melanie's mother was diabetic so she made special marmalades for her.

She went to college in Colne and studied Criminology and Criminal Law and get her degree. Melanie was interested in child killers. At the same time she was selling her products at farmers' markets. She won an award for her preserves and was then in a quandary about what to do for a career. Her ambition was to supply preserves for Harvey Nichols and Selfridges, and she did manage this.

She always uses cider vinegar as coeliacs can't tolerate malt vinegar and also Cheshire gold salt which is warmed through. Next she peels her onions and recommends cutting off the top and peeling downwards. Ted Robbins once called for people to let him know how they coped with peeling onions and received some amazing answers. One lady from Nelson said she wore her son's diving mask and goggles. To make chutney it is better to use red onions as they are naturally sweeter which keeps the sugar content down and is better for diabetes. Next pears are added. Then orange juice and beetroot was added followed by ginger which was peeled with a spoon as a spoon doesn't bruise or waste the ginger. Fresh ginger is useful as a treatment for nausea in pregnancy or during chemotherapy. After adding the ginger let it cook for a while. Finally fill pots with the chutney mix, put a lid on and invert it.



Melanie described one very unusual meeting where she was a speaker. The lady she was meeting said her husband had trouble with his waterworks and had an appointment with the doctor so she might be late but the caretaker would let Melanie in. The audience came in slowly and one woman said her husband went to school in Kathmandu. Another asked why she was not wearing her sari. One more asked why her husband had not accompanied her. The hostess then came in as her husband was alright and explained that there had been a programme change. The audience had been expecting a talk on a Buddhist wedding rather than chutney and cheer!

Business-wise at the beginning Melanie was a little wet behind the ears. She wanted a Royal Warrant and the best way was to enter every event wherever they were. On this particular Sunday they were in Cumbria at the Lowther Horse Trails. Prince Philip was attending as a carriage driver. In the Food Hall she had a place facing the entrance. On her left was Clarissa, one of the Two Fat Ladies, and on her right was a butcher. She had sold all her preserves the previous week and had run out of stock by 3.30pm on the Saturday. So she went home to make some more stock including curds, jams and chutneys. She was rather warm, so stripped off to bra, pants and pinny. At 9.30pm she drove to a supermarket for more lemons. People stared at her and she thought that her fame must be spreading. Eventually she got to the checkout - only to realise she was still in just her underwear and pinny! *(Continued on page 14)*



(Continued from page 13) She chatted to the butcher about it all and he soon spread the word! Melanie was busy all morning. When Prince Philip arrived at her spot he smiled at her and said “I heard about the supermarket” which made her go bright red. Clarissa gave the prince a book and the butcher gave him some sausages but Melanie, still blushing, had nothing to give him. One got a C.B.E. and the other received a Royal Warrant but she got nothing.

We thanked Melanie for her talk and started buying her produce, then enjoyed refreshments and a chat.

Friday 13th December 2019 - Christmas Party

We enjoyed some Christmas poems read by Ann and Elva and then took part in a quiz. It was a biscuit quiz. You were given a written clue and then had to guess which biscuit it was. We were in teams of four an example of one of the question and it’s answer is: Half a loaf - Shortbread. One team won and then we enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea put together by Elva. We had sandwiches, sausage rolls and other savouries, followed by mince pies, cakes and stollen.

Feeling replete we listened to another Christmas poem about the nativity and then we sung some Christmas carols and after first thanking Elva and Ann for their contributions, we wishing each other a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year we left for our homes.

Dates for your Diary

Feb 7th “Sailing a Tall Ship” Betty Allport 2.00pm ALL WELCOME

Feb 21st AGM 2.00pm

Feb 27th Corporate Communion for Friday Club at 10.00am. ALL WELCOME

Mar 6th World Day of Prayer. ALL WELCOME

Mar 20th “Elizabeth Raffald, The Experienced English Housekeeper”
Suze Appleton 2.00pm ALL WELCOME

Rabbula of Edessa was a leading figure in the 5th century Syrian Church who translated the New Testament into his native tongue. He wrote this prayer for penitents to use.

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Remembering Eric Liddell – Olympic gold medallist and prisoner of war



Eric Liddell, the Scottish athlete who became a 400-metre Olympic gold medallist in 1924, died 75 years ago, on 21st February 1945, in a Japanese internment camp in China. He was 43 and had a brain tumour.

Because of his Christian convictions he had withdrawn from the 100-metre heats in the 1924 Paris Olympics because they took place on a Sunday. He entered the 400-metre heats instead – and won.

He also got bronze in the 200 metres, where he finished ahead of his team-mate Harold Abrahams, the 100-metre gold medallist. Their story is told in the classic 1981 film, *Chariots of Fire*. Born in China to missionary parents, Liddell went to boarding school for 12 years at Eltham College, South London, where he continues to be recognised as inspirational. He was always an outstanding sportsman but never failed to put God first. He returned to China after studying pure science at Edinburgh University and married a Canadian missionary, Florence Mackenzie.

While in internment camp, despite his tumour and weakness, he gave hope to others, being seen as a great unifying force. He helped to ease tensions through his selflessness and was admired for the way he forgave his captors.



Thoughts *for the Day*

Here are some “Thoughts for the Day” which you might like to share:

We need the power of love, not the love of power.

Let us make silver linings with other people's clouds.

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Remembering Anne Frank and her diary



Anne Frank, the Dutch Jewish diarist and Holocaust victim, died 75 years ago, in February 1945, in Bergen-Belsen concentration camp at the age of 15 – probably from typhus. She is known for writing *The Diary of a Young Girl*, an account of how she and seven others were hidden in a secret annex to escape the Nazis.

The group had been arrested the previous August, and only Anne's father Otto survived the war. At first it was believed they had been betrayed, but it is now thought possible that they were discovered by accident.

The Diary, which Anne – who was born in Germany – started writing at the age of 13, is the story of how ordinary people risked their lives to help those in need, but it says little about the unclear relationship the Dutch had with Nazi Germany. Up to 80% of the Dutch Jewish population were killed during the war – the second highest percentage after Poland.

The Diary, which had been kept safe by Otto's secretary, Miep Gies, was published in English in 1952 and has since been translated into more than 60 languages. The Anne Frank House, a museum in Amsterdam, opened in May 1960.

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For further details please contact Frances Pickett on 0161 439 8890.



All Saints' Website and Facebook



Keep up to date with news and events on the All Saints' website. Find out about our charity work, community groups and listen to recent sermons.



Please contact Sarah Ball on: comms@allsaintsheadleholme.org.uk with any stories and updates.

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Church Open

There are no second Saturday coffee mornings in January and February, the next one will be on March 14th.



MEN'S SOCIETY

Monthly meetings on the first Thursday, September to May, at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room (unless otherwise stated). After the talk there is a short question and answer session followed by tea, coffee and biscuits.

The upcoming programme includes:

Thursday 6 February John Barbirolli and the Hallé - talk by Geoff Scargill

Thursday 5 March The nostalgia of British Travel - talk by John Hooley

Although this group is attended by men, if you are interested in hearing any of the speakers you will be most welcome to come along.

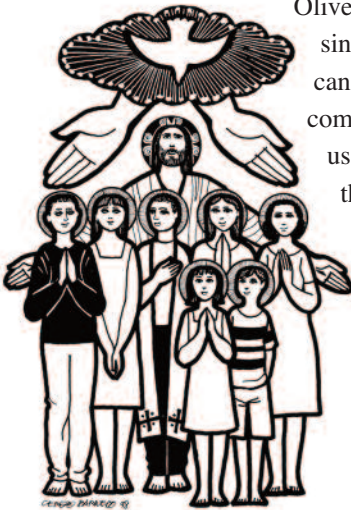
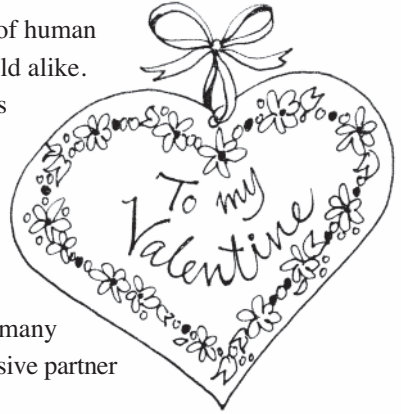
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Where is love?

In this month, when we celebrate St Valentine's Day, this poignant question is one many people will be asking, especially the young and hopeful. Perhaps you remember these words from the beautiful song in Lionel Bart's musical, *Oliver*? The young street boy Oliver Twist sings plaintively of his longing to find 'someone who I can mean something to'.

The need to find love is a fundamental requirement of human flourishing, and it is there within us all, young and old alike. But where do we find such love? The natural thing is to assume that it can be found in another person, the person of our dreams. Romantic love seems to offer the answer to our longing, but reality is often different. Once the shine has worn off a relationship, we see the other person as they really are – another fragile human being also searching for love. So, for many the search begins again, an endless looking for the elusive partner who will love us without condition.



Oliver comes near to answering his own question when he sings, 'Does it come from skies above?' The only love that can satisfy the deep longing of the human heart does in fact come 'from above'. It comes from heaven, and it comes to us from God in the form of a person, Jesus Christ. He was the embodiment of the love of God, and through His life and death demonstrated the enormity of the love that God has for each of us. Here is a love like no other – reliable, sure, unchanging, healing, accepting. Human love is a wonderful blessing, but divine love alone can meet our need. In God alone we find the perfect Someone, the One to whom who we can mean something.

The woman was made of a rib out of the side of Adam; not made out of his head to rule over him, nor out of his feet to be trampled on by him; but out of his side to be equal to him, under his arm to be protected, and near his heart to be loved.

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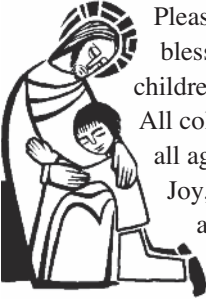
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Dear Lord, You are just a thought away,
Thank you for letting me be in your sway.



Please Dear Lord,
bless and care for all
children. All God's children.
All colours and creeds and
all ages. Please give them
Joy, Peace and Goodness,
and them a thankful
heart.



*Please know me Lord.
Know me through and through.
Know my heart, my soul,
Dear Lord, and my spirit too.
Dear Lord, may I always know you.*



When you open your
heart to other peoples
suffering and sadness,
you feel the love of
the Lord pass through
you and into them.
Thank you Lord.



If you do the right things in life, the memory
will come back to you and make you happy.
If you do the wrong things, it will make
you sad but please remember, most things
can be put right by forgiveness of those
that hurt you and of yourself.

*However much we love someone,
It's hard but very true,
We cannot live their lives for them,
Or turn their grey skies blue.*

*For sometimes we must stand apart,
And let them go their way,
To walk the path, or make a choice
In which we have no say.*

*Yet though our helpless hearts may fret,
When dear ones seem so frail,
Remember, there is still a Power
Whose strength will never fail.
For those we love are never lost,
E'en though we can't be there
The Lord keeps track of every one,
And holds them in His care.*

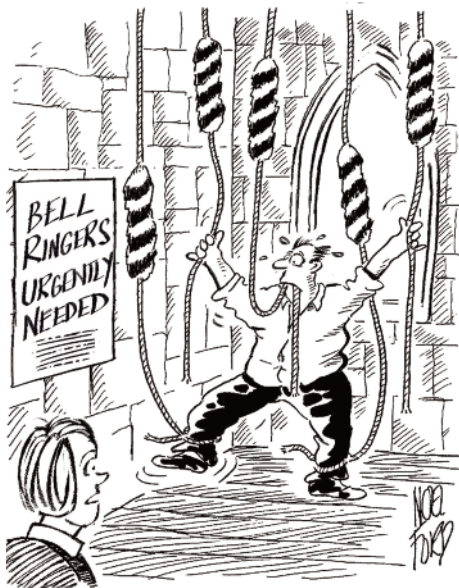
Margaret Ingall



Think of the hours of happiness you have
wasted by not enjoying the things we
have. Count your blessings and see how
blessed you really are.

*Please God, thank you for all the healing
of mind, body and soul.*





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Parish Calendar and Registers

FEBRUARY 2020

SUNDAY SERVICES

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- 10.00am The Parish Communion.
We welcome children and encourage them to bring their parents. There is a supervised creche in Church for the under 5's.
On the second Sunday of each month this will be our Family Communion and Parade Service. We serve coffee in Church after the service - please come and join us.
- 6.30pm Evensong.

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion:

Thursdays at 10.00am
Holy Days as announced

Matins: Mondays, Wednesdays,
Thursdays and Fridays at 9.00am

See the weekly news sheet for further details.

ALTAR FLOWER ROTA FEBRUARY 2020

- 2nd Mrs Bayley
9th Mr M. Prance - In Memory of
Muriel and Jonathan
16th -
23rd -
26th ASH WEDNESDAY

If you wish to discuss any aspect of church flowers including wedding flowers please contact Frances Pickett (0161 439 8890)

VACANT DATES ON ALTAR ROTA 2020

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May 17th
July 19th & 26th
November 29th
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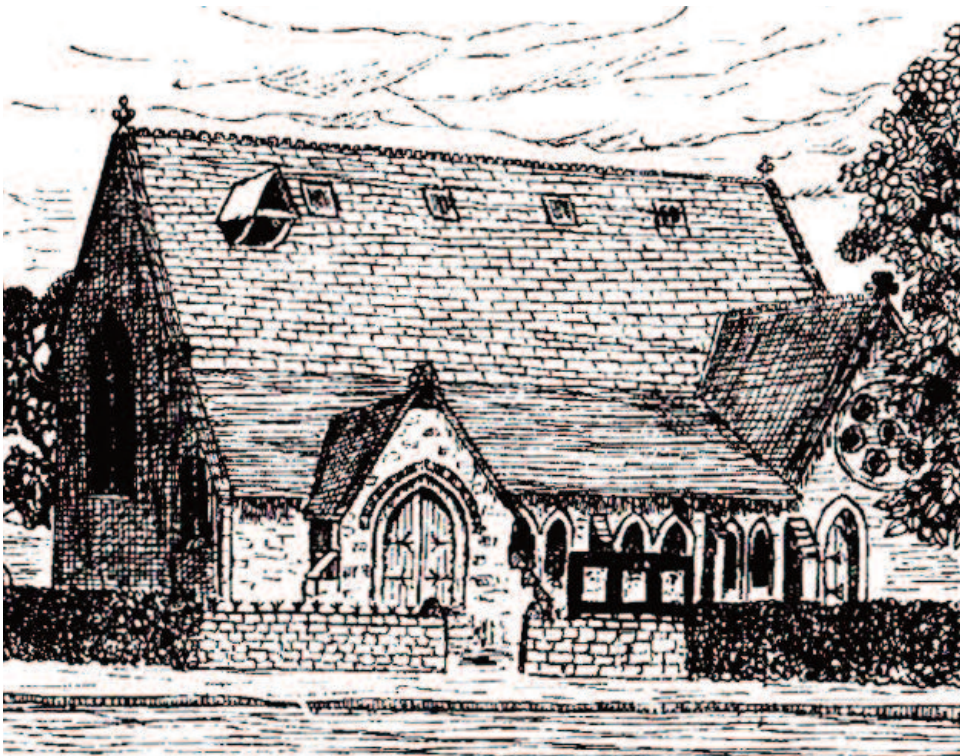
May 27th
November 1st

If you would like to adopt any of these dates please contact **Frances Pickett** on **0161 439 8890**.

There is also a list on the back-of-church notice board for those who wish to contribute to the Chancel Pedestal Flowers. Please put your name in the space next to your date of choice and contact the person on duty that month or Frances Pickett.

URGENT APPEAL!

The number of flower arrangers at All Saints' has declined radically over the years. If you enjoy flower arranging and would like to help flower arrange in church or would like to learn how to flower arrange contact Frances Pickett or any member of the Flower Group.



Christian Stewardship

The Parish practises the principles of Christian Stewardship in its giving for the work of God. If you are interested to learn more about it please contact the Recorder, Kate Hughes (485 1010), the Vicar or the Churchwardens. The giving of time and talents is encouraged, If you wish to help in some capacity in the Church services or organisations, in improving or maintaining the Church fabric or grounds, or in visiting and helping the sick or housebound, please speak to the Clergy or the Churchwardens.



All Saints Cheadle Hulme

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