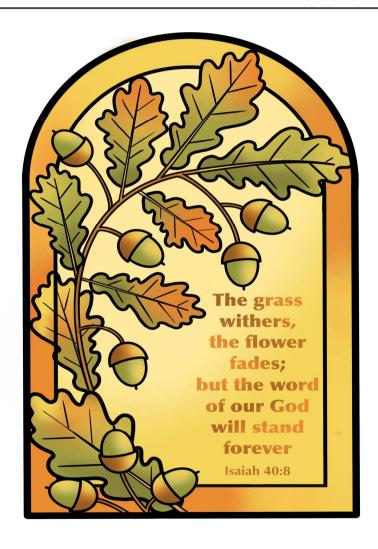
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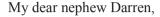
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On what those adverts from parishes wanting clergy really mean...

The Rectory St James the Least of All





So, you are being encouraged to look at adverts for parishes for that happy day when you will have charge of your own church. You wonder if you should look to moving to another part of the country; I suspect it may be better if you look to moving to another planet, as your reputation may not yet have travelled that far.

Reading the specifications that parishes provide, giving a picture of life in their community, need to be read in the same way as estate agents' specifications for houses for sale. Both demonstrate a triumph of optimism over reality. Let me help you decode some of the statements you will find:

- * "We look to grow our Sunday School" We do not have a Sunday School.
- * "We have an enthusiastic choir" We have a choir totally out of control.
- * "Our youth group is always eager to learn" Our youth group experiments with some strange substances.
- * "The new incumbent should be sympathetic to our musical tradition"- The new incumbent must be able to play the organ as well as lead the Services.
- * "While cherishing our traditions, we see the need for change" We always see the need for change, but alter anything at your peril.
- * "Plans for church renovations are in hand" The building is in imminent danger of collapse.
- * "We have a large range of church groups" You will have to run a large range of church groups singlehandedly.
- * "The vicarage is being refurbished" The vicarage is a death trap. Its rising damp and dangerous electrics will not be fixed for many months yet.
- * "There is opportunity for developing ecumenical relations" No one in living memory has ever spoken to clergy of other denominations in our town.
- * "The new incumbent should have a sense of humour" He or she will need it when reading this specification.

My dear nephew, caveat emptor. Let the buyer beware! Your loving uncle,

Eustace



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9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 5 October

10:30am HARVEST All Age Worship

6:00pm CHORAL EVENSONG for Harvest

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Wednesday 8 October

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 12 October

10:30am WEDDING CELEBRATION SERVICE

Wednesday 15 October

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Sunday 19 October

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6:00pm CHORAL EVENSONG

Wednesday 22 October

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Sunday 26 October

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6:00 pm SUNG COMPLINE

Wednesday 29 October

9:30am Holy Communion





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Sunday 5 October

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Sunday 12 October

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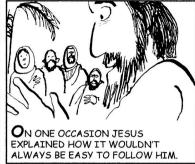
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The tale of the Tower Builder







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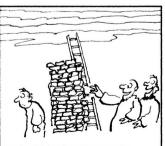












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MOTHER TERESA

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I used to pray for answers, but now I'm praying for strength.

I used to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us and we change things.

Mother Teresa (1910—1997)

Mary Teresa Bojaxhiu (born Anjezë Gonxhe Bojaxhiu, Albania; 26 August 1910 – 5 September 1997), better known as Mother Teresa or Saint Mother Teresa, was an Albanian-Indian Catholic Nun, founder of the Missionaries of Charity and is a Catholic saint.

Born in Skopje, then part of the Ottoman Empire, she was raised in a devoutly Catholic family. At the age of 18, she moved to Ireland to join the Sisters of Loreto and later to India, where she lived most of her life and carried out her missionary work.

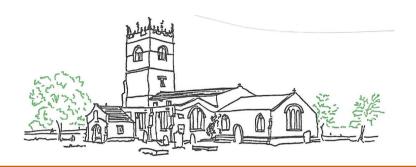
On 4 September 2016, she was canonised by the Catholic Church as Saint Teresa of Calcutta. The anniversary of her death, 5 September, is now observed as her feast Day.



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13th October - Edward the Confessor, helping to found Westminster Abbey



If you approve of giving money to help cathedrals survive, then Edward the Confessor (1003 – 66) is the saint for you. This early King of England was the virtual founder of Westminster Abbey. And never mind entrance charges – at one point in his life, Edward was giving a full tenth of his income to Westminster Abbey.

Edward was the son of King Ethelred the Unready and his second, Norman wife, Emma. After various ups and downs which included a brief exile in Normandy, Edward was made King of England in 1042.

As King, Edward had a tricky time of it – trying to keep the peace for over 20 years while various Danish and Norman magnates struggled for power (which eventually led to the Norman Conquest). Scholars have argued over how much of a success he was as a king.

As a Christian, there is no doubt: Edward's holiness was evident to all. He made himself accessible to his people, he was generous to the poor, and chaste. He was also reputed to have seen visions and even achieved miraculous cures for people through prayer.

Edward did much to help the Church in many ways. His lasting contribution was the original Westminster Abbey – a huge Romanesque church, 300 feet long, with a nave of 12 bays. Westminster Abbey became the place of coronation and burial of kings and queens of England. It was finished and consecrated just before his death. Edward was buried there, and his relics are undisturbed to this day.

During the Middle Ages, Edward was a very popular saint: along with Edmund of East Anglia he was widely considered to be England's patron saint for a time.



31st October – All Hallows Eve, or Holy Evening



Modern Halloween celebrations have their roots with the Celtic peoples of pre-Christian times.

In those long-ago days, on the last night of October, the Celts celebrated the Festival of Samhain, or 'Summer's End'. The priests, or Druids, performed ceremonies to thank and honour the sun. For there was a very dark side to all this: Samhain also signalled the onset of winter, a time when it was feared that unfriendly ghosts, nature-spirits, and witches roamed the earth, creating mischief. So the Druid priests lit great bonfires and performed magic rites to ward off or appease these dark supernatural powers.

Then the Romans arrived, and brought their Harvest Festival which honoured the Goddess Pomona with gifts of apples and nuts. The two festivals slowly merged. When Christianity arrived still later, it began to replace the Roman and Druid religions. 1st November - All Saints' Day - was dedicated to all Christian Martyrs and Saints who had died. It was called 'All Hallows' Day'. The evening before became an evening of prayer and preparation and was called 'All Hallows' Eve', The Holy Evening, later shortened to 'Halloween'.

For many centuries, however, fear of the supernatural remained strong. During the Middle Ages, animal costumes and frightening masks were worn to ward off the evil spirits of darkness on Halloween. Magic words and charms were used to keep away bad luck, and everybody believed that witches ride about on broomsticks. Fortune telling was popular, and predicting the future by the use of nuts and apples was so popular that Halloween is still sometimes known as Nutcrack Night or Snap-Apple Night.

Today, Christians have learned to turn to prayer instead of charms to overcome the powers of darkness. And the deeper, true meaning of All Hallows' Eve, should not be forgotten. As Christians, we all draw closer to Christ when we remember and give thanks for our loved ones and for others who have gone before us through the gates of death.





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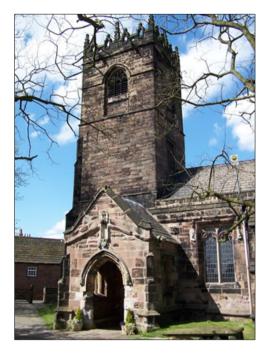


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MEMORIES OF THE CHURCH AND THE CHURCH HALL BY JONATHAN LAYNE



All Saints Church.

The Church featured prominently in my early life. My parents were regular churchgoers, my father becoming a sidesman and a churchwarden. At the age of seven, I joined the choir and, when my voice broke became a server.

Another centre of village life was the Church Hall at the top of Chesterfield Road. It had a large hall with sprung dance floor and stage, a smaller room for meetings and a kitchen. Various forms of entertainment were put on by professional concert parties and by local amateur dramatic societies. Together with friends from Church, I was in two of these - the Church Players run by Billy Oates (Senior) and the Swallownest Drama Society, run by Mr Bailey, a teacher at Swallownest Senior School. There were also the annual Nativity Play and Passion Play - the latter always enlivened for me by the appearance of Jim Beadman in Roman soldier's uniform, constructed I think in the fitting shop at Brookhouse Colliery. Jim fitted the part admirably because he had the classic Roman nose!

The Church Hall was also used for the annual Christmas Fair, Bring and Buy Sales etc. I was always impressed at the Fair by the fountain constructed in the centre of the dance floor by Alfie Parr from Killamarsh who was an organist at Church. From a pile of rocks, a piece of tarpaulin, lights etc he could construct a wonderful illuminated fountain. To me, as a child, it was one of the wonders of the year.



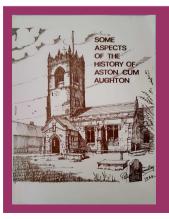
We also had the Church Youth Club in the Hall, run by Norman Walker who for many years ran the Swallownest Post Office. I had a long association with Norman, acting as his Saturday morning telegram boy when I was about fourteen (wage half a crown - 12.5p), Christmas and summer relief post when I was older and even running the post office for him during his week's holiday (but I was in my twenties by then).

Unfortunately, the Hall fell into a poor state of repair due to shifting foundations and in the light of prohibitive cost of repairs, was sold to an engineering company and then eventually demolished. The site is now occupied by the Nursing Home in Chesterfield Road.

Around 1950, it also became obvious that the Church was in urgent need of repair; some money was obtained from the National Coal Board but the Church was faced with raising what then was the vast sum of £2,500 (remember that the average wage would be around £6 per week). My father took on the task of organiser and the sum was raised well inside the time limit. As one effort, my mother wrote a history of the Church and a copy was sent to the Queen (the late Queen Mother) who responded with a gift of a canteen of cutlery to be used for fund raising. This was auctioned and bought by Mr Frank Bird who ran the demolition yard down Ulley Lane. If I remember rightly, the sum raised was around £100.

When my father died in 1964, we respected his long-stated request that we wouldn't have flowers at his funeral. I suggested to my mother that he'd spent so much of his life raising money for good causes that it would tickle him to have a final fling so we requested donations for the Church in place of flowers. This raised enough money to pay for the restoration of the window near the font, a project chosen because it contains, among others, the shield of the Duckenfield family, my brother-in-law's crest. A small panel in the window now commemorates my father.

Ann Key - Secretary Aston-cum-Aughton History Group



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A FRANCISCAN BENEDICTION

May God Bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and turn their pain into joy.

And may God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in the world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done, to bring justice and kindness to all our children and the poor.

Sister Ruth Marlene Fox (1936 - 2023)

It's often titled "A Franciscan blessing" or Occasionally, ""Four-Fold Benedictine Blessing", but actually the prayer is called "A Non-traditional Blessing".

It was written for a student group in 1985 by a Benedictine nun called Sister Ruth Marlene Fox b 1936.



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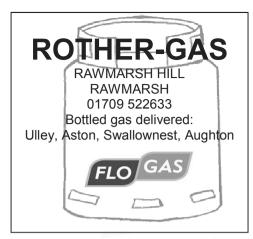
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