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On what it takes to be an Ordinand

The Rectory
St James the Least of All



My dear nephew Darren,

I was intrigued that you have been nurturing someone called Dave who is considering ordination. Since Dave had never travelled outside the city, your decision to send him to me was understandable. Sadly, I don't think he is cut out for the ministry.

We did our best. In a fit of hospitality, the Colonel invited this Dave to stay at the Lodge, and to join his Saturday pheasant shoot as a beater. But Dave said firmly that he was against beating any kind of bird and abhors all kinds of murder. It seems young Dave is a vegetarian! You might have warned us. The Colonel is now concerned that Dave is connected in some way with the Green Party. You cannot be too careful these days.

Then Miss Saxby and Miss Tarby stepped in. They enjoy mushrooming, and kindly took young Dave off to the woods. It is not their fault that they are a bit deaf and so did not hear his cries of distress when he lost them among all the trees. They just assumed he had gone back to the Colonel's, and so of course they did not organise a search party until much later. Fortunately, the church warden's spaniel has a keen nose and found Dave before midnight. During all that time, Dave seemed to have had nothing better to do than slide about on fallen leaves and trip over hidden logs in the dark. He was even babbling about having heard a crying ghost. We feared he might be delirious but then realised he meant the local owl. He also seemed surprised by the darkness and asked how we manage without any streetlights at all in the parish. We explained the obvious – we simply follow the example of the well-refreshed when leaving the pub, and feel our way along the walls.

On Sunday morning Dave rushed into the church to warn me that there were several loose sheep in the churchyard. I decided then that he should return to the safety of the city. There was no point in letting him near most of our church ladies, who would have savaged him on sight.

The visit only proves the obvious: potential ordinands should be carnivorous, cricketing fly-fishers, most at home in well-worn tweeds and preferably accompanied by a muddy dog. How else will they get along with normal folk?

Your loving uncle,

Eustace



ALL SAINTS ASTON SERVICES IN NOVEMBER 2025

Sunday 2 November - ALL SAINTS DAY

10:30am Holy Communion

6:00pm FESTIVE CHORAL EVENSONG

Wednesday 5 November

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 9 November

10:45am Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial

4:00pm Memorial Service

Sunday 16 November

9:30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 19 November

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 23 November

10:30am Holy Communion

6:00 pm SUNG COMPLINE

Wednesday 26 November

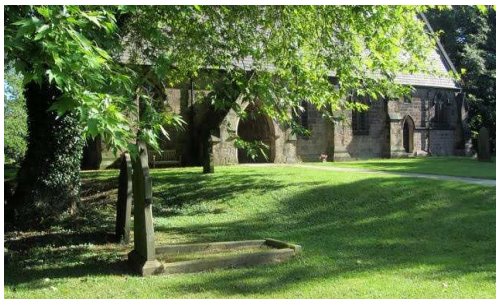
9:30pm Holy Communion

7:00pm Licensing of Rev Vicky Camber

Sunday 30 November - ADVENT SUNDAY

10:30am Holy Communion @ HOLY TRINITY ULLEY

6:00pm ADVENT CAROL SERVICE



Holy Trinity Church Ulley Services in November

Sunday 2 November - ALL SAINTS DAY

9:00am Holy Communion

Sunday 9 November

10:30am Morning Worship

11:00am Remembrance at the War Memorial

Sunday 16 November

10:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 23 November

10:30am Morning Worship

Sunday 30 November - ADVENT SUNDAY

10:30am Holy Communion - with Aston & Todwick

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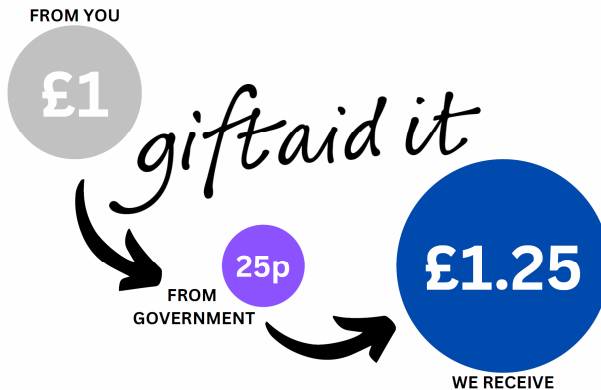
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Words and Actions

JESUS HAD MANY FRIENDS - AND HE OFTEN WENT WALKING WITH THEM.



ONCE, ON A JOURNEY, JESUS CALLED AT THE HOME OF MARTHA AND MARY



MARTHA WAS VERY PLEASED TO MEET WITH JESUS, AND SHE MADE HIM WELCOME



MARY WAS VERY EXCITED TOO AND WANTED TO LISTEN TO EVERYTHING JESUS HAD TO SAY



BUT MARTHA, WAS NOT VERY IMPRESSED WITH MARY! SHE THOUGHT HER SISTER SHOULD BE HARD AT WORK. NOT SITTING AROUND - JUST LISTENING



LORD, DON'T YOU CARE THAT MARY HAS LEFT ME TO DO ALL THE WORK BY MYSELF?!



MARTHA, YOU ARE WORRIED AND TROUBLED OVER SO MANY THINGS



JESUS TOLD MARTHA THAT THERE ARE FAR MORE IMPORTANT THINGS IN LIFE THAN JUST FUSSING OVER A CLEAN HOUSE!



PERHAPS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING WE CAN LEARN, LIKE MARTHA, IS TO MAKE TIME TO LISTEN TO JESUS.



See Luke 10.38-42



THE COMPASSING OF GOD

The compassing of God and of His right hand
Round my form and frame, protecting may it stand;
High King's compassing and grace of Trinity
Round me abiding ever eternally,
Round me abiding ever eternally.

The Three's compassing my shield in my life-means,
The Three's compassing my shield through this day's scenes,
The Three's compassing my shield this night throughout,
From hate, from harm, from act, from evil about,
From hate, from harm, from act, from evil about.

Ancient Celtic Prayer

"The compassing of God" refers to using God as a spiritual guide for life's journey, where God's Word and the Holy Spirit serve as the internal and external guides to stay on His intended path, similar to how a physical compass provides direction to a sailor. God's unchanging nature and His provided spiritual tools like the Bible are seen as constants in a world of uncertainty, helping individuals to find their moral and spiritual bearings.



ALL SAINTS CHURCH ASTON

ROTA FOR SIDESPEOPLE

NOVEMBER 2025

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| 2 | ALL AGE WORSHIP | Paul Moakes & Marjorie O'Neil |
| 9 | ACT OF REMEMBRANCE | Sheila Brown & Bill Mawson |
| 16 | HOLY COMMUNION | Gill Ward & Ann Mason |
| 23 | HOLY COMMUNION | Marjorie O'Neil & Pam Taylor |
| 30 | HOLY COMMUNION | At Holy Trinity Ulley |



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1st November - All Saints Day, the Feast Day of all the redeemed



All Saints, or All Hallows, is the feast of all the redeemed, known and unknown, who are now in heaven. When the English Reformation took place, the number of saints in the calendar was drastically reduced, with the result that All Saints' Day stood out with a prominence that it had never had before.

This feast day first began in the East, perhaps as early as the 5th century, as commemorating 'the martyrs of the whole world'. A Northern English 9th century calendar named All Hallows as a principal feast, and such it has remained. Down the centuries devotional writers have seen in it the fulfilment of Pentecost and indeed of Christ's redemptive sacrifice and resurrection.

The saints do not belong to any religious tradition, and their lives and witness to Christ can be appreciated by all Christians. Richard Baxter, writing in the 17th century, wrote the following:

*He wants not friends that hath thy love,
And made converse and walk with thee,
And with thy saints here and above,
With whom for ever I must be...*

*As for my friends, they are not lost;
The several vessels of thy fleet,
Though parted now, by tempests tost,
Shall safely in thy haven meet....*

*The heavenly hosts, world without end,
Shall be my company above;
And thou, my best and surest Friend,
Who shall divide me from thy love?*

1,255 ancient English churches were dedicated to All Saints, a number only surpassed by those dedicated to the Virgin Mary.



23rd November – The Excitement of the Sunday of Christ the King

The last Sunday in November is the last Sunday of the church year, and in some ways the most important. Why? Because everything else in the Christian year looks BACK on what happened 2000 years ago. The Sunday of Christ the King looks FORWARD to what we can expect next.... the return one day of Jesus Christ to this earth, as King of Kings.

Does the idea of Jesus of Nazareth literally returning to earth seem a bit quaint to accept, in our computerised world of e-mails and the internet? Well, that is what the Bible says will happen – it is promised more than 250 times!

The Bible is quite clear: the return of the Lord Jesus Christ as King of Kings will take place personally, powerfully, bodily, visibly, publicly – and INSTANTLY. (Read Matthew 24:30,31, or I Thessalonians 4:13 – 5:3.) Here are words of Jesus Himself: *For the Son of Man in his day will be like the lightning, which flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other. (Luke 17:24)*

This will be no local story for a BBC TV reporter to cover if he gets time. That day he won't be interviewing the Carpenter of Nazareth, wearing Galilean homespun. Jesus will be in His incandescent brilliance as the 'Son of Man' – a bit of a challenge even for TV reporters! Certainly when Peter, James and John were witness to their familiar Master 'transfigured', as the same irradiated Person – in a dramatic preview of Christ's triumphant final rule (Luke 9:28-36), they did not feel very confident.

The martyred Stephen, about to die, had a similar glimpse: *"Behold I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God" (Acts 7:56)*. The exiled apostle John on the island of Patmos saw the same figure: *'...His face was like the sun shining in full strength' (Revelation 1:16)*

When Christ one day returns, the whole world will finally witness this same spectacle (Revelation 1:7). His return will mark the end of history, as we know it. It will inaugurate the final Judgment. It will re-unite the Lord with His Church on earth.

Jesus' return to us will bring about the new heaven and the new earth. Pain, death, persecution, privation and sorrow will all be banished. The entire edifice of evil that has raised itself against the rule of God will be dismantled in a moment.

We have been warned all along not to place a date or a time upon the Second Coming of Christ. (Matthew 24:42-44) Sadly, many people ignore this warning and waste endless time in calculations. The way in which we should be spending our days before the end is to work, watch and witness to our Lord Jesus – whether or not ours is a world of computers, e-mail and all the rest!

In the meantime, where is Jesus now? The Bible writers tell us that Jesus has returned to the place of privilege and power, and is 'seated at the right hand' of the Father (Ephesians 1:20-21; Colossians 3:1; Hebrews 1:3), and is waiting for the Father's timing for Him to return to earth in glory (Mark 13:26-27,32), to raise the dead (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18), and give them their resurrection bodies (1 Corinthians 15:35-44).

**Jesus will never be a baby again.
He is now Christ the King – today, tomorrow, forever.**



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ALL SAINTS CHURCH ASTON

FESTIVE CHORAL EVENSONG FOR ALL SAINTS DAY

SUNDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2025 @ 6:00pm

SUNG COMPLINE

SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2025 @ 6:00pm

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

SUNDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2025 @ 6:00pm

**ALL SAINTS
ALL WELCOME**



A PRE-FAB IN SWALLOWNEST



At a meeting of the Labour Party held in Swallownest School on the 12th May 1945, Councillor Mr. Mallender reported that Aston was to have 144 permanent houses built on the Mansfield Road site opposite to Aston Colliery during the next year, together with 50 pre-fabricated houses in Park Hill, Swallownest. In the first two years after the war he was hoping that Aston would get 1,000 houses and he appealed to residents who needed houses to write to the Rotherham District Council for an application form.

House building must have progressed fairly quickly because during Christmas 1946 a resident and his wife moved into a pre-fabricated bungalow on West Park Drive, Swallownest. These homes became known affectionately as pre-fabs and were sought after because they offered luxury not found in many older houses. They had a living room with two big windows, two bedrooms, separate bathroom and toilet and very big kitchen. All the rooms had fitted cupboards, wardrobes, drawers and a solid fuel fire in the living room with doors that could be closed at night to keep in the fire. The kitchen was equipped with plenty of cupboards and a fitted range of gas clothes boiler, gas cooker, sink and wonder of wonders, a gas-operated refrigerator! Outside was a small hut for coals and tools, with a very big garden and a glorious view over the fields towards Woodhouse Mill.

Derek and his wife remember moving into their prefab during Christmas week 1946. They had been given a permit for paraffin (all fuels were still on ration) as electricity would not be connected for about three months and they would need paraffin for lamps. The footpaths and roads had not been made and there were no street lamps. However, it was their first home and the beginning of their married life.

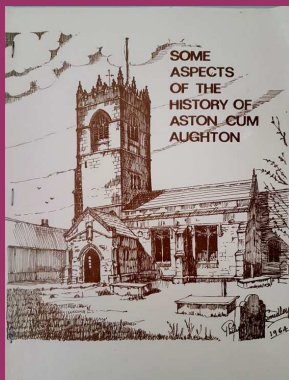


In January 1947 snow began to fall and continued until March, the worst cold weather of the century. The snow was halfway up the windows of the pre-fab and was left there because it helped to keep the house warm. Each morning Derek had to dig out the 4 ft deep path from the door to the road. The road into Sheffield was about a foot deep in compacted snow, but the buses managed to get through and he doesn't remember missing a single day getting to work, but was often late arriving home. Eventually, the big bulldozers that had been standing idle at the site of the future National Coal Board workshops at Fence were used to clear the road and in so doing ripped up all the "cat's eyes" along the middle of the road.

The long winter was followed by a glorious summer and finally the footpaths and roads were completed and electricity and street lamps installed. The fields at the back of the pre-fab were being restored after opencast mining and a gang of ex-German prisoners of war **were** employed in gathering the stones brought to the surface by the machines. For a couple of packets of cigarettes, a load was dropped over the fence to make a garden wall. The pre-fabs provided comfortable homes for many years until they were demolished and replaced by houses and flats. My parents moved into a flat on West Park Drive in 1947 when my father was demobbed from the RAF. They were built as three bedroomed houses but were temporarily converted into a two bedroomed upstairs flat and a one bedroomed downstairs flat. They were later converted back to semi-detached houses as families were moved into houses.

I remember living here and playing in the streets and fields around. We played hopscotch, hide and seek and kick the can along the street – no problem with traffic then. Marbles, jacks, whip and top and skipping were also popular. These were the days when dads went out to work and mums stayed at home and we kids were free to roam in the school holidays.

Ann Key - Secretary Aston-cum-Aughton History Group



Aston-cum-Aughton History Group

We meet in the Reading Room on
1st & 3rd Mondays of each month

7:00pm to 9:00pm.

Contact **Brian Mears** 0114 287 7751
 Gloria Hope 07788 123044
 Ann Key 0114 287 2610



Remember Me Tomorrow

When I was young, with a head full of dreams
I felt the future was sure to be fine
But along came the war, and suddenly it seemed
My future may run out of time

My sweetheart, so scared when war was declared
For our journey had not long begun
I was conscripted to fight, I wasn't prepared
My legs trembling, I wanted to run

My mother, she cried as we said our goodbyes
I tried hard not to show her my pain
I forced out a smile as I looked deep in her eyes
Not sure if I'd see her again

Life in the trenches was an absolute hell
Living in fear of an imminent attack
Packed in like sardines, the disease, and the smell
Missing home and yearning to go back

I was too young to die and didn't understand why
As I trembled in the trench in the rain
Comrades by my side, shivering under the evening sky
Trying to comprehend the horror and the pain

I longed for my life, to make my sweetheart my wife
Much thumbed letters kept close to my chest
It was kill or be killed, I had to take life
So much trauma and fear and unrest

I was only a lad, with a mum and a dad
Ending lives of others just like me
I dreamt of the life I could have had
But it was sacrificed so you can be free

By Maxine Bailey

"I wrote this poem for Remembrance Sunday 2021, but, in reality, we don't need to wait until a certain day to remember the many who sacrificed so much so we could have our tomorrows. For all who served and for their families who suffered. May we always be grateful."



ALL SAINTS CHURCH, ASTON



SATURDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2025

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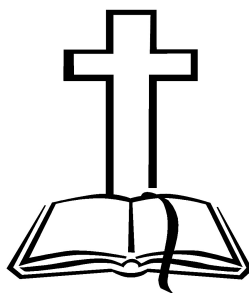
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| | Parish Communion (2nd, 3rd and 4th Sunday) | 10:30am |
| | When there is a 5th Sunday To Be Arranged | 10:30am |
| | Evensong (3rd Sunday) | 6.00pm |
| | Compline (4th Sunday) | 6:00pm |
| WEDNESDAYS: | Holy Communion | 9.30am |

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| SUNDAYS: | Holy Communion (1st Sunday) | 9:00am |
| | Morning Worship (2nd Sunday & 4th Sunday) | 10.30am |
| | Holy Communion (3rd Sunday) | 10.30am |

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Groups and Societies

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*Local friendly walking every Thursday. Contact **Mel Partridge** on **07731 773832**, or E-Mail melpartridge1943@gmail.com.*

Aston Ladies Circle

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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.

Contact : Linda on 0114 287 6696

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Contact : Derek Eastham 0114 327 0715*

Friends of Ulley Country Park

Sunday Café: 11 am to 3 pm. Homemade refreshments including soup, crusty bread, coffee, tea, fruit cordials, cakes and scones. We hope to host a special event at each Café day. Details on the website.

5th Age (charity number 1068378)

This social group meets every Tuesday, 2 - 4pm at Heighton View Community Centre (off Turnshaw Avenue in Aughton).

Open to anyone over 55. Just drop in: ask for Julia. Membership free.

Contact : enquire5thage@outlook.com

Lunch Club

Swallownest Baptist Church every Thursday @ 12 noon.

£ 2:00 pe person for Soup, Sandwiches , cakes and Good Conversation.

Contact Rev Jo Regan by E-Mail revdjo@me.com for further information.



Ark Play Group

Swallownest Baptist Church every Tuesday during term time. 10:30am-11:30am and/or 1:00pm-2:30pm. A fun relaxed play session for tiny tots (ages 0-5 years) and their adults. £2.00 per family plus £12.00 per extra child.

Contacts : **Rev Jo Regan 07956 872963**

Prospects

Swallownest Baptist Church 3rd Sunday of each month at 3pm.

An inclusive service with those with learning difficulties. All welcome!

We learn stories from the Bible, (sometimes acted out); sing songs together in worship and celebration and end with cake.

Contacts : **Malcolm 07720 776081** or **Elizabeth 07594 410801**

Ladies Meeting

Swallownest Baptist Church every other Monday at 1:30pm.

Contact Rev Jo Regan by E-Mail **revdjo@me.com** for further information.

Swallownest United Church Choir

The choir meets at Central Methodist Church at 7.30pm on a Thursday Evening during term time. All are welcome (though male voices would be a real bonus). There is no audition and the ability to read music, while helpful, is not required, music is provided.

We are currently practicing music for a Christmas Concert and would love to have new members, so just come along.

For more information

Contact : **Kate Marshall (choir secretary)**
mardal@blueyonder.co.uk.

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