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*Aston-Cum-Aughton*

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## On the struggle for life in a Rectory

The Rectory  
St James the Least of All



My dear nephew Darren,

Ah, the joys of June! At last, I can return to the Rectory without putting on my overcoat before going inside. For the next four months, all windows and doors are left open, in order to let the heat in. If anyone else tells me how lucky I am to live in an 10-bedroom Queen Anne house, I shall have them excommunicated.

You will soon stop complaining about your one-bedroom flat should you ever have to live in a rural rectory; the days of wandering about your home in shirtsleeves will become a distant memory. In my first winter here, I had the central heating on full blast 24 hours a day. The house was almost warm, even if the boilers sounded like the Queen Mary coming into port. But that quarter's gas bill needed a substantial grant from the International Monetary Fund to cover it, so ever since, for six months of the year, I live in the kitchen. Parishioners find it either touching or sad that I sleep with my Labrador. It never occurs to them that I need her for extra heat.

It does mean that evening meetings at the rectory on winter evenings can be un-Christianly satisfying. Watching committee members fighting – with infinite politeness – to get nearest to the one-bar electric fire is highly entertaining. They hold on to their coffee cups less for refreshment, more for a little extra warmth. At least it means that meetings are short.

My predecessor was a model railway enthusiast and so several bedrooms were taken up with a system of such complexity that it made Crewe Junction seem trivial. He also found it helpful to put his teenage son in the turret bedroom, where he could play his drums without anyone else in the house being able to hear a thing.

Nowadays, all these extra rooms are filled with cribs and nativity play costumes, Easter gardens and spare choir cassocks. It is remarkable how all these things used to be stored quite satisfactorily in the church vestry until the parish acquired a single priest; now the empty rooms in the rectory have become vital storage space. I so hope my successor has a plethora of children, so that the parishioners have to find alternative accommodation for all the detritus vital to church life.

No, dear boy, cherish your centrally heated, dry, draft proof, mice-free, bat-less, modern-plumbed accommodation. It will not be ever thus.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace



## ALL SAINTS ASTON SERVICES IN JUNE 2026

### **Wednesday 3 June**

9:30am Holy Communion

### **Sunday 7 June**

10:30am All Age Worship

### **Wednesday 10 June**

9:30am Holy Communion

### **Sunday 14 June - RSCM MUSIC SUNDAY**

10:30am Holy Communion

### **Wednesday 17 June**

9:30am Holy Communion

### **Sunday 21 June**

10:30am Holy Communion

6:00pm Choral Evensong

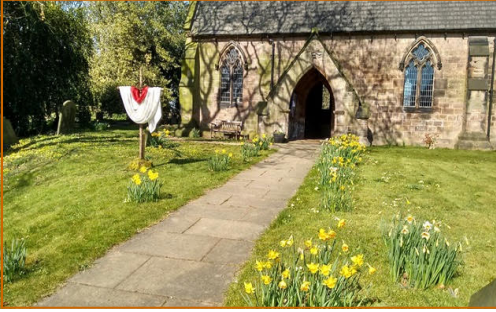
### **Wednesday 24 June**

9:30am Holy Communion

### **Sunday 28 June**

10:30am Holy Communion

6:00pm Choral Evensong @ St Peter & St Paul Todwick



# Holy Trinity Church Ulley Services in June

## *Sunday 7 June*

*9:00am Holy Communion*

## *Sunday 14 June*

*10:30am Holy Communion*

## *Sunday 21 June*

*10:30am Holy Communion*

## *Sunday 28 June*

*10:30am Morning Worship*

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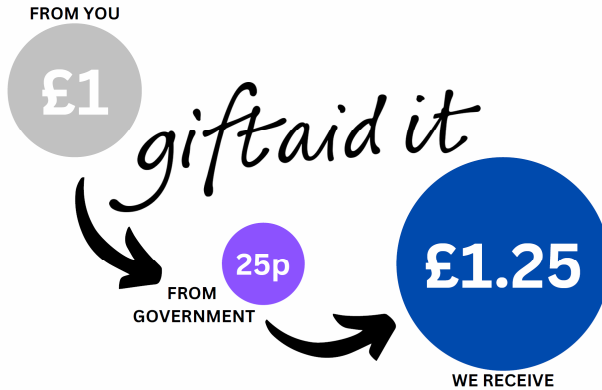
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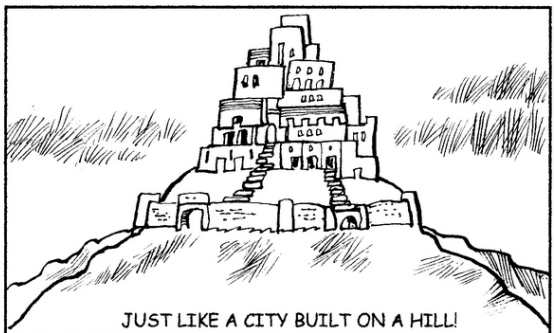
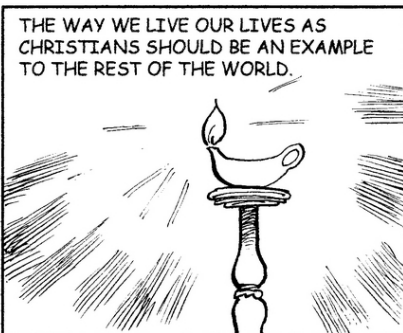
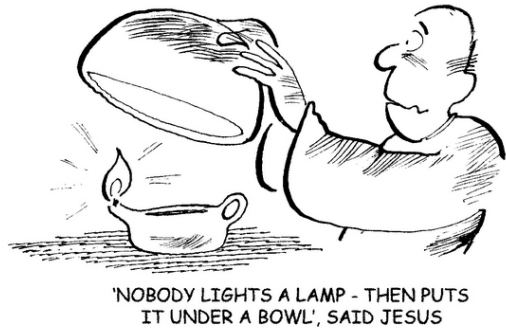
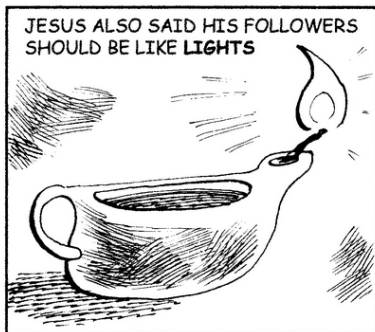
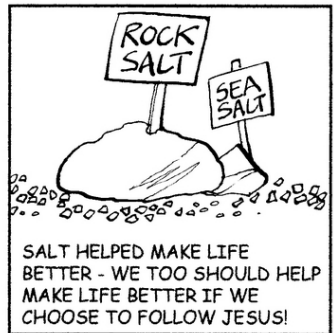
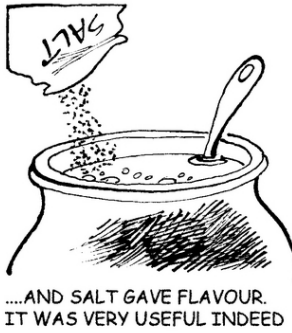
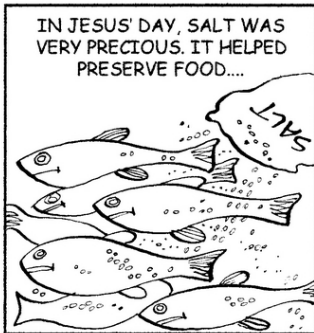
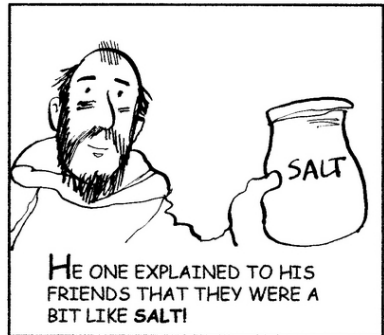
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O God the Holy Ghost who art Light unto Thine elect,  
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Thou who are Fire of Love,  
Evermore enkindle us.

Thou who art Lord and Giver of life,  
Evermore live in us.  
Thou who bestowest sevenfold grace,  
Evermore replenish us.

*By Christina Rossetti (1830-94)*

*Christina Rossetti was a significant English poet known for her range and quality. She wrote fantasy, children's poems, and religious poetry. Rossetti's family fostered her talents; her grandfather printed her Verses in 1847, and in 1850, she contributed to The Germ, a Pre-Raphaelite journal, under the name Ellen Alleyne. Her notable works include Goblin Market and Other Poems (1862) and Sing-Song: a Nursery Rhyme Book (1872), which is a celebrated children's book.*

*A devout Anglican, Rossetti's religious beliefs influenced her life, including her breaking off an engagement due to religious differences. Although she faced health challenges, including Graves' disease, she continued to write and publish, leaving a lasting mark on English literature.*



## ALL SAINTS CHURCH ASTON

### ROTA FOR SIDESPEOPLE

JUNE 2026

7	ALL AGE WORSHIP	Ann Mason & Pauline Martin
14	HOLY COMMUNION	Marjorie O'Neil & Pam Taylor
21	HOLY COMMUNION	Paul Moakes & Bill Mawson
31	HOLY COMMUNION	Ann Mason & Gill Ward



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## 1st June : Mary, the Blessed Virgin, visits Elizabeth



Mary – the virgin mother of Jesus. For centuries the eastern and western churches have considered her pre-eminent among all the saints.

In the gospels, Mary makes her first appearance as a teenager. Nothing is known of her childhood, and what we do know of her is found mostly in Matthew 1 - 2 and in Luke 1 – 2. If you read both accounts, you'll notice that Luke's account seems to give the story from Mary's standpoint, whereas Matthew concentrates more on Joseph's side of things. In both accounts the virginal conception of Christ is clearly stated. Mary's quiet devotion to God and her total acceptance of His will shine forth.

Her visit to Elizabeth, when both were pregnant, is a moving and poignant account of two humble, ordinary women, suddenly caught up in a great event that would shape world history. Their trusting faith in God and acceptance of His will, shine through. After Jesus is born, Mary fades into the background, and makes few appearances: when the family visits Jerusalem and she loses her son on the way home; when she urges Him to help the wedding party in Cana with its wine problem; and when Jesus gives her into the keeping of the beloved disciple when He is dying on the cross. Mary's last appearance is in Acts chapter one, just before Pentecost.

Mary obviously joined the early Church, but her role was never one of teaching and preaching, and indeed she remained so much in the background that nothing more about her is known for certain. Both Ephesus and Jerusalem have claimed to be the place of her death.

Mary, chosen to be the mother of Jesus Christ, one who is both God and Man, holds a unique place in the history of mankind. Down the centuries that have followed, the Church has paid special honour to Mary – and well deserved it is. "All generations shall call me blessed..."



## 16th June : Richard of Chichester

*Wanting God more clearly, dearly and nearly*

Ever wonder where the prayer ... 'May I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly, day by day' comes from? Richard of Chichester, a bishop in the 13th century, wrote it.

He began life as Richard de Wych of Droitwich, the son of a yeoman farmer. But Richard was a studious boy, and after helping his father on the farm for several years, refused an advantageous offer of marriage, and instead made his way to Oxford, and later to Paris and Bologna to study canon law.



In 1235 he returned to Oxford, and was soon appointed Chancellor, where he supported Edmund, Archbishop of Canterbury, in his struggles against King Henry III's misuse of Church funds. After further study to become a priest, Richard was in due course made a bishop himself. He was greatly loved. He was charitable and accessible, both stern and merciful to sinners, extraordinarily generous to those stricken by famine, and a brilliant legislator of his diocese. He decreed that the sacraments were to be administered without payment, Mass celebrated in dignified conditions, the clergy to be chaste, to practise residence, and to wear clerical dress. The laity was obliged to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days, and to know by heart the Hail Mary as well as the Lord's Prayer and the Creed.

Richard was also prominent in preaching the Crusade, which he saw as a call to reopen the Holy Land to pilgrims, not as a political expedition. He died at Dover on 3rd April 1253. In art, Richard of Chichester is represented with a chalice at his feet, in memory of his having once dropped the chalice at Mass! One ancient English church is dedicated to him.

And, of course, he is author of that famous prayer, now set to popular music, which runs in full: "Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ for all the benefits thou hast given me, for all the pains and insults which thou hast borne for me. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly and follow thee more nearly, day by day."



## HOW THE SOUL THROUGH THE SENSES FINDS GOD IN ALL CREATURES

O Love, divine Love, why do You lay siege to me?  
In a frenzy of love for me, You find no rest.

From five sides You move against me,  
Hearing, sight, taste, touch, and scent.  
To come out is to be caught; I cannot hide from You.

If I come out through sight I see Love  
Painted in every form and colour,  
Inviting me to come to You, to dwell in You.

If I leave through the door of hearing,  
What I hear points only to You, Lord;  
I cannot escape Love through this gage.

If I come out through taste, every flavour proclaims:  
"Love, divine Love, hungering Love!  
You have caught me on Your hook, for you want to reign in me."

If I leave through the door of scent  
I sense You in all creation; You have caught me  
And wounded me through that fragrance.

If I come out through the sense of touch  
I find Your lineaments in every creature;  
To try to flee from You is madness.

*By Jacopone da Todi (c 1230 – 1306)*

*English version by Serge and Elizabeth Hughes  
Original Language Italian*

*Jacopone da Todi was a religious Italian poet. His name was originally Jacopo Benedetti. After the sudden death of his wife in 1268, he renounced his career as an advocate, gave his goods to the poor, and after 10 years of penance became a Franciscan tertiary.*

*Jacopone was excommunicated and imprisoned in 1298 for signing a manifesto against Pope Boniface VIII. After his release, he retired to a hermitage. He wrote many ardent, mystical poems and is probably the author of the hymn Stabat Mater Dolorosa. The spiritual value of poverty is frequently the theme of his poetry.*



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## MASON, WILBERFORCE AND WALKER



*The Walker Family Mausoleum.*

Rev William Mason, Rector of Aston from 1754 to 1797, was born at Holy Trinity Church Vicarage, Hull and was educated at the Grammar School. He was a close friend of William Wilberforce (also of Hull), the anti-slavery campaigner and he helped Wilberforce to organise various anti-slavery meetings in Yorkshire in 1784. On the 24th January 1788, in York Minster, Mason baptised an American freed slave, Benjamin Moor and preached against the slave trade. He supported Wilberforce's anti-slave trade petition presented to parliament in 1788. Wilberforce visited Mason at Aston and their friendship continued until Mason's death in 1797.

They both had a connection with the Walker family of Rotherham. The Walkers were involved with iron making, bridge building, cannon production, lead mining and pottery making. They built fine houses, including Clifton House, now Clifton Museum, founded Masbrough Independent Chapel and Rotherham Independent Academy.

Samuel Walker was the head of the family and his nephew Joseph had a friendship with Mason and Wilberforce. Wilberforce visited Joseph Walker at Eastwood House in 1789 and their letters show a warm friendship. Joseph left Rotherham in 1796 and sold his shares in the iron partnership to Joshua, Thomas and Jonathan Walker. He and his wife Elizabeth went to live at Aston Hall in Aston upon Trent, Derbyshire, which he leased from the Holden family. He became High Sheriff of Derby in 1799 and when he died two years later, he was buried at Aston upon Trent. (This has caused some confusion and some researchers have assumed that they lived at Aston Hall in Aston-cum-Aughton.)



The inscription on Samuel Walker's memorial in the Independent Chapel in Rotherham, was written by William Mason, who was described as the iron founder's "intimate friend".

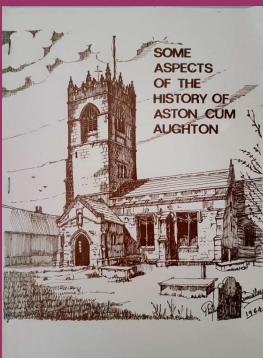
The inscription reads: "To the memory of Samuel Walker Esq., the principle project of those extensive ironworks first founded at Masbrough in the year 1746, which now afford so singular an example both of the public and private benefit which may arise even from the smallest beginnings when favoured by Divine Providence and prosecuted with integrity, foresight, regularity and an active comprehensive genius. To these qualifications he added the domestic virtues of an affectionate husband, a kind parent.

He also revered the constitution of his country with the spirit of a true Englishman and practised the duty of the universal benevolence with the zeal of a sincere Christian. He was born 1716, died May 12th 1782 aged 66 and was buried in the cemetery which he built for his family. A widow, four sons and three daughters survive him. Out of gratitude and reverence to such a father his sons, at their joint expense, erect this monument."

The Walker family Mausoleum was built in 1776 at the place where the gardens of their home, Masbrough Hall, met with the Chapel Grounds. It is said that Samuel and his wife Mary spent much time in the mausoleum, meditating and reading the bible.

(Thank you to Eileen Hyland and The Friends of the Masbrough Chapel and the Walker Mausoleum for the details of Samuel's Memorial.)

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.

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## 21st June : Summer Solstice : The Longest Day

The June Solstice is the Solstice on Earth that occurs annually between 20 and 22 June according to the Gregorian Calendar. In the Northern Hemisphere, the June solstice is the Summer Solstice (the day with the longest period of daylight), while in the Southern Hemisphere it is the Winter Solstice (the day with the shortest period of daylight).<sup>1</sup> It is also known as the Northern Solstice. During the June solstice, the Sun is directly over the Tropic of Cancer, located in the northern hemisphere.



There is evidence that the summer solstice has been culturally important since the Neolithic era. Many Ancient Monuments in Europe especially, as well as parts of the Middle East, Asia and the Americas, are aligned with the sunrise or sunset on the summer solstice. The significance of the summer solstice has varied among cultures, but most recognize the event in some way with Holidays, Festivals and Rituals around that time with themes of fertility.

In the Julian Calendar of the Roman Empire, the date of the summer solstice was 24 June, and Marcus Terentius Varro wrote in the 1st century BC that the Romans saw this as the middle of summer. The Julian calendar had a flaw in that the solstices and equinoxes gradually fell on earlier dates. At the First Council of Nicaea in 325, the Christian Church set the date of the spring equinox to 21 March, for the purpose of calculating Easter. This also brought the date of the summer solstice forward to 20 June.

The summer solstice was seen as the middle of summer in Anglo-Saxon England and called 'midsummer'. Some Anglo-Saxon Calendars placed midsummer on the older date of 24 June while others place it on 20 June.

Elsewhere in northern Europe, traditionally the summer solstice is also seen as the middle of summer and it was reckoned as the night of 23–24 June. The summer solstice continues to be seen as the middle of summer in many European cultures, but in some cultures or calendars it is seen as summer's beginning. In Sweden, midsummer is one of the year's major holidays when the country closes down as much as during Christmas.

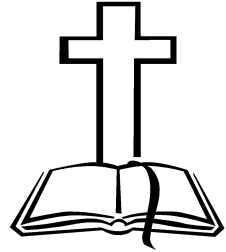


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SUNDAYS: All Age Worship (1st Sunday of the month) 10:30am  
Parish Communion (2nd, 3rd and 4th Sunday) 10:30am  
When there is a 5th Sunday To Be Arranged 10:30am  
Evensong (3rd Sunday) 6.00pm  
Compline (4th Sunday) 7:15pm

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

### Aston Ladies Circle

*Meetings are at 7.15pm on Tuesday evenings in the Parish Hall or 'OUT' on trips.  
Contact Audrey Jones on 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 on 0114 327 0715**

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*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](mailto:enquire5thage@outlook.com)**

### Lunch Club

*Swallownest Baptist Church every Thursday @ 12 noon.*

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

**Contact : E-Mail [Swallownestbaptist@gmail.com](mailto:Swallownestbaptist@gmail.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 £1.00 per extra child.

Contacts : **Jan on 07774 481916**

## 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 on 07720 776081** or **Elizabeth on 07594 410801**

## Ladies Meeting

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

Contact : **Swallownestbaptist@gmail.com** for further information.

## Ladies Fellowship

Central Methodist Church, Lodge Lane every Monday @ 2:30pm

Contact : Rita Rutherford at **keithandrita@btinternet.com**

## Swallownest United Church Choir

The choir meets at Central Methodist Church, Lodge Lane at 7.30pm on a Thursday Evening during term time and New Members are welcome;

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For more information

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on Christmas Day

This day all praises to our god we owe  
our Saver Christ this day was sent below  
and in a Manger his blest Babe was born  
Whose Birth first told to Shepherds in the morn  
and after that upon a Cross he dyed  
for our Ambitious Junes & deadly Pride

on Easter Day

This is the day on which our Saviour rose  
and freed us from all sorrows & all woes  
who after forty days did high ascend  
To a great life a life that will still not end

on Mirth & Riches

If Mirth & Riches had not so much Power  
There would indeed be many Happy Hour  
For Jan give nothing but Death it brings  
and then besides disturbs the rest of Kings  
but let those trifling things be laid aside  
and then nought else but Knowledge will abide

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