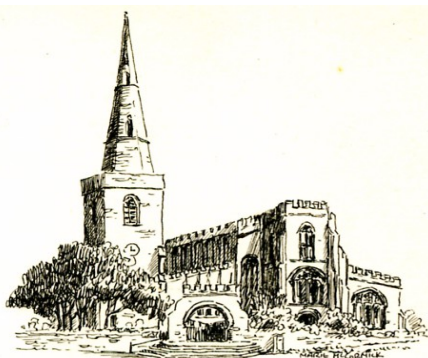


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THE RECTOR,
Rev Dr Jeffrey C. Cuttell

My favourite Bible passage

Some of the world's best short stories were first told by Jesus in His parables, and these are, by definition, stories told to illustrate a doctrine or moral point.

Luke 10, 25 to 37

And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou? And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself. And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live. But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour? And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves? And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

Of the three characters who come along and see the wounded man in the gutter, to this legal expert the one least likely to help the victim

would be the Samaritan, because a deep hatred existed between Jews and Samaritans. The Jews saw themselves as pure descendants of Abraham, while the Samaritans were a mixed race produced when Jews from the northern kingdom intermarried with other peoples after Israel's exile. The priest and the Levite or temple assistant passed by on the other side but the despised Samaritan did absolutely everything that need to be done for the poor man's welfare, including providing for his present and future expenses at the inn.

Jesus was a revolutionary. He was not part of the religious establishment, nor was He bound by popular prejudice. He associated with tax-collectors and sinners, the very people who most needed Him and His message: 'I have come to call not the righteous but sinners' (Mark 2, 17).

His definition of neighbour was all-embracing – not just the person next door – but all humanity, not least those in need or trouble of any kind. The Samaritan in the story has caught our imagination and become the Good Samaritan, a term we now use for anyone who goes out of his or her way to help others and, in our day, the Samaritans are a life-saving organization that does excellent work in advising and helping the desperate.

Arnold Taylor

Editor – Mr W. Ball

The Old Vicarage, Reades Lane, Congleton, CW12 3LL

All Saints' Chapel, Somerford: Our season of services this year commences with Holy Communion on Easter Day, 1st April, at 2.30 pm. All are welcome and there will be refreshments afterwards.

Margaret Pennington

The Annual Grand National Race Night will be held in the Village Hall on Friday 13th April 2018. This event consists of a generous meat/salads buffet supper, lots of home made puddings, a cheese board and tea /coffee . . . a bargain at £14. per person. (Bring your own

drinks, glasses are provided.) The arrival time will be 7.00 pm to begin at 7.30 pm.

There will be a raffle for the names of the Grand National horses, those drawing the first three past the post will win cash prizes of £30, £20, £10. There is a limit on numbers that can be seated in the hall, so book early to secure a place by ringing Brenda Cook on 01260 290194.

Notice to all flower lovers – You will note that we have observed the tradition of denying ourselves flowers in church during Lent. On Saturday 31st March 2018, we will decorate the church with flowers to celebrate Easter. This is an invitation to anyone who would like to join in the action, you don't need to have any special skills, just a willingness to take part in what is a happy and enjoyable event. If you can bring flowers or greenery that will be welcome too.

The church will be open from 9.00 am . . . till we run out of flowers. Do let me know if you have any questions. I look forward to seeing you.

Kind Regards, Brenda Cook, churchwarden. (01260 290194)

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The Easter Vestry and Annual Parish Meeting took place in the Village Hall on Monday 12th March, and Mrs Cook was re-elected unanimously as Churchwarden.

The Rector looked back on the past year as a time of pain, yet with stability and thankfulness. It had been a time of pain because of the long drawn out process of the trial of the previous Treasurer, who had finally been sentenced in October to ten months' imprisonment for the theft of church money. He paid tribute to the work of Mr Hulse and Mrs Cook as Wardens, and Dr Drage as Vice Chairman and Mr Ball as Secretary, whose actions had all been by the book in uncovering the sorry details of the case. He was glad to see the back of the episode, and we should now draw a line under it.

The Rector's major concern on his return to the Parish had been the uncertainty and instability caused by the Vacancy and its impact on the life of the church. But he was thankful that over the past two years balance had been restored and in spite of all the difficulties it had been possible to pay in full the Parish Share, as well as to pay for a new boiler. This was a remarkable achievement in the circumstances and boded well for the future. The demands on those entrusted with the leadership of the Parish are great, but the answer as always is to trust in God. The church runs well because of the extraordinary commitment and sense of duty of so many people.

It has been a hard year where God's faithfulness to us had been much in evidence, and we continue to go forward in faith.

In the Annual Parochial Church Meeting which followed immediately afterwards, the Minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting had been previously circulated and were signed by the Rector as a true record and there were no matters arising. Mr Powell reported on the revision of the Electoral Roll, which contained 238 names, four more than at this time last year.

The Annual Report & Accounts for 2017 were presented by Mrs Barnett, who thanked Mrs Hulse for her awesome book-keeping skills in day to day financial matters and this sentiment was echoed by the Rector and the whole meeting. She thanked everyone for their ever more generous giving over the year. Legacies and the enjoyable fundraising events organized were mentioned also. It was proposed by

the Rector, seconded by Mr Ball and agreed unanimously that the Report and Accounts be accepted. It was noted that, taking into account £23,908 put aside for the half-year unpaid Parish Share from 2015, £2,564 owed to creditors and £10,000 kept as a reserve, there was only £3,553 available in unallocated funds.

In the elections to the Parochial Church Council, Dr S. Drage, Mr P. Stanway, Mrs J. Nadin and Mrs J. Taylor were re-elected, and Mrs P. Price was elected, to serve to the Annual Meeting in 2021. Mrs P. Worswick was co-opted to represent Astbury St Mary's Church of England Primary School until the next Annual Meeting, and Mr I. Pennington will continue to represent All Saints' Chapel of Ease, Somerford. Mr A. Bailey, Mr W. Ball, Mrs B. Cook, Mr G. Dale, Mrs C. Goodwin, Mr T. Gresty, Mr F. Griffiths, Mrs J. Nadin, Mr P. Powell, Mr N. Price & Mr P. Snape were elected as Sidespeople until the next Annual Meeting.

Hammond McNulty were re-appointed as independent examiner for the coming year.

Other business – A leaflet drop in the new Loachbrook estate would be undertaken to publicise the Mother & Toddlers group. A Structural Engineer would shortly be examining the churchyard wall along Peel Lane. The PCC was still waiting for the Architect's specifications for the repairs recommended in his QI. The asbestos survey had revealed no airborne trace of the substance but it had been recommended to paint the asbestos panels surrounding the organ blower: a written report detailing the type of paint was awaited.

The Meeting ended at 8.19 pm with prayers and the Grace led by the Rector.

Church Openings in 2018: This year the church will again be open on Bank Holiday Sundays and Mondays as follows – 1st and 2nd April; 6th and 7th May; 27th and 28th May; and 26th and 27th August, between 1.00 pm and 6.00 pm on Sundays and 1.00 pm and 5.00 pm on Mondays, with light refreshments available (we hope) between 2.00 pm and 4.15 pm. Alternatively, individual and group visits may also be arranged in advance throughout the year by contacting William Ball on 01260 279276 or wbbtov@gmail.com.

Astbury Ladies' Fellowship: The March meeting took place too late to be included in this Parish News, but there will be a full report next month. The next meeting is the AGM and will take place in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 18th April. Carole Goodwin

Sartor's Quiz (Answers on page 16)

1. What is a pedilavium use for? a. Exercise; b. Cooking; c. Building; d. Washing feet.
2. In what year was the ordination of women promulgated in the General Synod of the Church of England? a. 1992; b. 1994; c. 1996; d. 1998.
3. In whose reign did the word 'Protestant' begin to be used? a. Henry VIII; b. Edward VI; c. Mary I; d. Elizabeth I.
4. Who anointed Saul as king? a. Samuel; b. Eli; c. Nathan;; d. Zadok.
5. Whom was Saul preparing to fight in battle when he offered an unauthorised sacrifice at Gilgal? a. Amalekites; b. Ammonites; c. Moabites; d. Philistines.
6. After Peter had addressed the crowd at Pentecost, approximately how many people believed, were baptized, and joined the fellowship? a. 1,000; b. 2,000; c. 3,000; d. 4,000.
7. What was the name of the teacher of the law and a member of the Jewish Council who advised against the persecution of the apostles? a. Gaddiel; b. Gamaliel; c. Gilead; d. Gilgal.
8. Which famous actor has written a book on the longbow?. a. Alec Guinness; b. Arthur Lowe; c. Laurence Olivier; d. Robert Hardy.
9. Who or what is, or was, a boffin? a. Young Eskimo; b. Small fish; c. Large glass;; d. Research scientist.

10. What was the name of the wife of Odysseus in Homer's *Odyssey* ? a. Penelope; b. Persephone; c. Penthesilea; d. Pandora.

WORDS OF WIT & WISDOM

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UCB Word for Today, Thursday 26th October 2017

Revisions have not touched the hem of its majestic garment . . . It has informed the English Language more profoundly even than Shakespeare.

Melvyn Bragg, *12 Books that Changed The World*, p 265,
referring to The King James Bible (1611) by William Tyndale
and fifty-four scholars appointed by the King

It has for centuries been both a sacred text and a fund of tales, parables, wonders and wise sayings, and it is still today accepted by many as the very Word of God. Ibid, p 266

Keep your fears to yourself but share your courage with others.

Robert Louis Stevenson

Old Lady: Last week, Your Worshipful, I attended my cousin Ernie's funeral service at St Martin's . He was a butcher, you know.

Canon Chasuble: What music did the play at the end? Can you remember?.

Old Lady: Yes, it was lovely. It was something called 'Sheep may safely graze.'

The main lesson I have learned from my career in broadcasting is that you don't know what you can do until you try to do it.

Jeremy Paxman, *A Life in Questions*, p 307

Television remains an escapist medium even when it is most apparently rooted in reality. Ibid. p 298

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Philippians 4, 7

FOUR FASCINATING FACTS

Six groups of scholars, each one called a company, were given the task of translating the King James Bible. The First Westminster Group responsible for Genesis to the Second Book of Kings, was led by Lancelot Andrewes, the Dean of Westminster, who learned fifteen languages including Latin, Greek, Hebrew, Syriac and Chaldee. The six groups laboured for six years.

When he was exiled to the Channel Islands in 1851 by Napoleon III, whom he called ‘Napoleon Le Petit’, Victor Hugo was the most famous living writer in the world, and his influence on French literature was second only to that of the Bible. When he died in 1885, he was followed to his tomb by a crowd which outnumbered the usual population of Paris.

Underneath the Arches

I dream my dreams away.

Underneath the Arches

On cobblestones I lay.

Bud Flanagan, of Flanagan and Allen, maintained that he wrote the song, which became an anthem of the Depression years, in a dressing room at the Hippodrome, Derby, in 1926 or 1927 and sang it at the Pier Pavilion, Southport, the following week. The Arches were the arches near Charing Cross station in London.

Artur Schnabel (1882 – 1951) was a pianist and composer. As a player he concentrated on the work of five composers – Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Schumann and Brahms. In his pursuit of musical truth he became increasingly unconcerned with keyboard accuracy. Once during the recording of a Beethoven concerto, he played with exceptional conviction and illumination, but dropped notes by the bushel. The conductor, noting this, suggested that it might be better if they tried again. ‘It might be better,’ said Schnabel, ‘but it wouldn’t be as good.’

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VILLAGE HALL	Mrs A. Bracegirdle.	01477 500342

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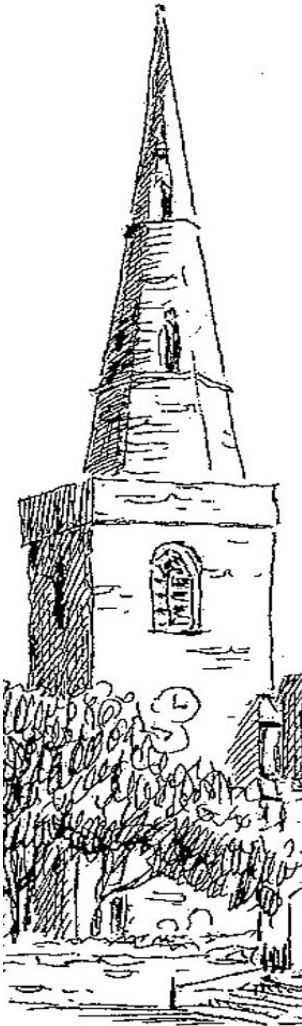
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	9.00 am	1st Sunday	Morning Prayer	BCP
	11.00 am	1st & 3rd Sundays	Holy Communion	CW
	11.00 am	2nd Sunday	Family Service	CW
	11.00 am	4th Sunday	Morning Prayer	CW
	11.00 am	1st, 3rd & 4th Sundays	Junior Church	
	6.00 pm	1st Sunday (not January)	Story Time	
	6.30 pm	2nd Sunday	Sung Eucharist	BCP
	6.30 pm	3rd & 4th Sundays	Evensong	BCP
	7.00 pm	1st Sunday (not January)	Compline	

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between 7.30 and 8.30 pm.

Astbury Church bellringers meet to practise on the last Wednesday
of each month between 8.00 and 9.30 pm.

ASTBURY ROTAS

		8.00 am	11.00 am	6.30 pm
March	25th	C. Goodwin	B. Cook A. Bailey	P. Powell
April	1st	J. Nadin	B. Cook G. Dale	P. Snape
	8th	W. Ball	B. Cook A. Bailey	F. Griffiths
	15th	W. Ball	B. Cook N. Price	T. Gresty
	22nd	C. Goodwin	B. Cook A. Bailey	P. Powell
	29th	Fifth Sunday, Joint Service at Smallwood		
May	6th	J. Nadin	B. Cook G. Dale	P. Snape (7.00 pm)

CLEANING ROTA

March	30th	B. Pagan, C. Goodwin
April	6th	J. Nadin, P. Nadin, C. Holford
	13th	J. Moore
	20th	M. Pennington, C. Brooks, K. Wainwright
	27th	M. Follett, C. Garside
May	4th	B. Pagan, C. Goodwin

BRASS ROTA

March	27th	J. Goodwin, D. Hull Stewart
April	17th	M. Booth, C. Goodwin, J. Nadin
May	8th	C. Brooks, K. Wainwright

Answers to Sartor's Quiz (page 7)

1 – d; 2 – b; 3 – c; 4 – a; 5 – d; 6 – c; 7 – b; 8 – d; 9 – d; 10 – a.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Service Attendances

		8.00	9.00	11.00	6.30
February	18th	13	-	21 ad + 3 ch	22
	25th	12	-	32 + 4	23
March	4th	7	-	25 + 9	13 +10 at 6 14 + 2 at 7
	11th	12	-	58 + 14	25

		<i>Gift Aid</i>	<i>Collections</i>
February	18th	£ 574.05	£ 339.84
	25th	£ 421.50	£ 111.70
March	4th	£ 480.00	£ 71.31
	11th	£ 341.60	£ 199.70

Burial of the Dead

February	28th	Mary Parrott	88	ashes
March	2nd	Kenneth James Jones	75	
March	6th	Gertrude Hulme	94	ashes
March	7th	Frank Greensmith	88	
March	9th	Josephine Mary Feeley	75	
March	13th	Diane Gilman	60	
March	17th	Robert Reginald Cliff	92	ashes

JOINT PARISHES CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEKS

MARCH

Sun 25th SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE EASTER – Palm Sunday

April Parish News published today

8.00am Astbury	Holy Communion
9.30am Smallwood	Morning Prayer
11.00am Astbury	Morning Prayer
6.30pm Astbury	Evensong

HOLY WEEK

Mon 26th	9.00pm Astbury	Compline
Tue 27th	9.00pm Astbury	Compline
Wed 28th	11.45am Astbury	Holy Communion in VH
	7.30pm Astbury	Bellringers' Practice
	9.00pm Astbury	Compline

Joint Parishes Calendar, continued

MARCH

HOLY WEEK

Thu 29th MAUNDY THURSDAY

9.15am Astbury

School in church

7.30pm Astbury

Holy Communion & Stripping the Altar

Fri 30th GOOD FRIDAY

2.30pm Astbury

An hour before the Cross

7.30pm Astbury

Meditating on the Passion, with hymns,
choir pieces and Bible readings

Sat 31st 9.00am Astbury

Decorating the church for Easter

APRIL

Sun 1st EASTER DAY

8.00am Astbury

Holy Communion

9.00am Astbury

Morning Prayer

9.30am Smallwood

Easter Communion

11.00am Astbury

Easter Communion

1.00pm Astbury

Church open till 6.00 pm

2.30pm Somerford

Easter Communion

6.30pm Astbury

Easter Sung Eucharist

Mon 2nd 1.00pm Astbury

Church open till 5.00 pm

Wed 4th 11.45am Astbury

Holy Communion in VH

7.30pm Astbury

Women's Institute

Fri 6th 3.00pm Astbury

Afternoon Tea in the Village Hall

Sun 8th EASTER I

8.00am Astbury

Holy Communion

9.30am Smallwood

Family Service

11.00am Astbury

Family Service

6.30pm Astbury

Sung Eucharist

Wed 11th 11.45am Astbury

Holy Communion in VH

Thu 12th 8.00pm Astbury

Prayer Group

Fri 13th 7.00pm Astbury

Grand National Evening

Sun 15th EASTER II

8.00am Astbury

Holy Communion

9.30am Smallwood

Morning Prayer & Communion

11.00am Astbury

Holy Communion

6.30pm Astbury

Evensong

Wed 18th 11.45am Astbury

Holy Communion in VH

7.30pm Astbury

Ladies' Fellowship AGM

Joint Parishes Calendar, continued

APRIL

Thu	19th	2.00pm Sandbach 8.00pm Astbury	Deanery Synod Standing Committee Prayer Group
Fri	20th		May <i>Parish News</i> deadline
Sat	21st	12.noon Astbury	Holy Matrimony

Sun 22nd EASTER III

			May Parish News published today
		8.00am Astbury	Holy Communion
		9.30am Smallwood	Morning Prayer
		11.00am Astbury	Morning Prayer
		6.30pm Astbury	Evensong
Mon	23rd	7.30pm Astbury	PCC Standing Committee
Wed	25th	11.45am Astbury	Holy Communion in VH
		7.30pm Astbury	Bellringers' Practice
Thu	26th	8.00pm Astbury	Prayer Group
Sat	28th	1.00pm Astbury	Holy Matrimony

Sun 29th EASTER IV- FIFTH SUNDAY SPECIAL SERVICE

MAY

Wed	2nd	11.45am Astbury 7.30pm Astbury	Morning Prayer in Village Hall Women's Institute
Fri	4th	3.00pm Astbury	Tea in the Village Hall
Sat	5th	1.30pm Astbury	Holy Matrimony

Sun 6th EASTER V – Rogation Sunday

			May <i>Parish News</i> published today
		8.00am Astbury	Holy Communion
		9.00am Astbury	Morning Prayer
		9.30am Smallwood	Holy Communion
		11.00am Astbury	Holy Communion
		1.00pm Astbury	Church open till 6.00 pm
		2.30pm Somerford	Evensong
		6.00pm Astbury	Story Time
		7.00pm Astbury	Compline
Mon	7th	1.00pm Astbury	Church open till 5.00 pm
Wed	9th	11.45am Astbury	Holy Communion in Village Hall
		7.30pm Astbury	Women's Institute
		8.00pm Astbury	Special Bell Ringing
Thu	10th	ASCENSION DAY	
		7.30pm Astbury	Holy Communion
Sat	12th	1.00pm Astbury	Holy Matrimony

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