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C of E has been ‘astonishingly present’ during lockdown



During the coronavirus crisis, the Church of England has been accused of “vacating the public square or of being absent.”

So wrote Bishop Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York Designate, in a recent article for one of the national newspapers. But he goes on: “I simply do not recognise (this). The Church of England has been astonishingly present, albeit in many new and remarkable ways.”

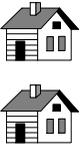
The Bishop then gave many examples of various local churches who have reacted with positive action during the crisis. Some have started food banks, helped refugees and asylum seekers, set up telephone prayer services, started zoom Bible groups, or organised children and youth events online.

“These stories are being replicated up and down the country,” he continued. “Most astonishing of all, plenty of churches report very large numbers of people joining their streamed services.

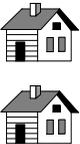
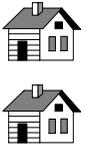
“Of course, we long for our church buildings to reopen. But when they do, it won’t be business as usual – partly because we are discovering new ways of serving our communities.

“When we do return to the sacred, beautiful space of our church buildings, with all their vital and much-missed resonances of continuity, I believe the Church of England will emerge from this stronger than it has been for a long while.

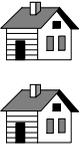
Bishop Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York Designate, was writing in the Daily Telegraph on 12th May 2020.



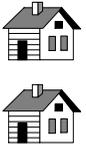
Nigel Beeton writes: “Simon, my vicar, was completely unfazed by the closure of his church in March. The very next week he’d set up ‘Zoom’ and many of us have been weekly attenders of his ‘virtual church’ for the weeks now.



I realise that many other churches are doing the same, but we’ve had people join us from all over the place! Of course, we all look forward to getting back to St Mary’s, but it has brought the congregations together in ways that we could never have imagined.



This poem began one recent Sunday morning when I said to my wife, Carol, “let’s go and worship at St Sofa’s”. That inspired her and so the first verse of this poem is hers, not mine!



St Sofa’s



We worship at St Sofa’s now
Since Covid came to stay
We don’t dress up or do our hair
But still we come to pray!



Our Vicar is a clever chap
A Zoom with his IT
And so we sit down ev’ry week
And meet up virtually!



Our Parish Church stands empty
With praise she does not ring;
But still her people gather round
To pray, and praise, and sing!



The virus is a nasty thing
Yet it has helped us see
The church is NOT a building
But folk like you and me!



By Nigel and Carol Beeton





Clergy up in arms as pressure mounts on bishops to reopen churches

The government is facing mounting calls to reopen places of worship, which have been closed for more than two months, as lockdown restrictions ease. Churches, mosques, synagogues and temples are due to open under step three of the government's recovery plan on 4 July at the earliest, along with hairdressers, cinemas and pubs.

When congregational worship resumes, faith leaders and officials will be required to enforce social distancing and ensure frequent cleaning of buildings. The sharing of items such as hymn books or prayer mats will not be permitted.

Some clergy say Church of England leaders should be pressing the government to bring places of worship into step two of the recovery plan, in place from 1 June. They argue that if shops are allowed to reopen from mid-June, places of worship should be permitted to unlock their doors.

The government, which is consulting with faith leaders, may adopt a staged approach, with places of worship initially being allowed to open for private prayer and contemplation – possibly this week – before services are allowed to resume.

Almost half the British public say churches and chapels should be allowed to open earlier than July as long as they maintain social distancing, with almost a third disagreeing, according to a survey for the National Churches Trust. In a separate online survey by the trust, 75% of clergy and church officials said the closing of the places of worship during lockdown has had a negative effect on the local community.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols, the archbishop of Westminster and most senior Catholic in England and Wales, said at the weekend that churches should be allowed to open in phases. “This week’s announcements by the prime minister that some indoor sales premises can open tomorrow and that most shops can open on 15 June, questions directly the reasons why our churches remain closed. We are told that these openings, which are to be carefully managed, are based on the need to encourage key activities to start up again. Why are churches excluded from this decision?” he said in his homily for Pentecost Sunday.

“What is the risk to a person who sits quietly in a church which is being thoroughly cleaned, properly supervised and in which social distancing is maintained? The benefits of being able to access places of prayer is profound, on individual and family stability and, significantly, on their willingness to help others in their need.”



On Sunday, the Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally, said: “With shops reopening and some people appearing to be returning to a degree of normality, it is understandable that questions are being raised as to how and where the lockdown is being relaxed. Churchgoers are among those feeling real disappointment and hurt, as places of worship remain closed to the public. “While we have developed detailed advice to help local churches plan to open for individual prayer as well as weddings and then, in due course, a resumption of public worship services – for now, the government does not deem it safe for us to take these steps.”

Earlier this month, Church of England bishops bowed to pressure to allow clergy to enter their churches to stream services or to pray privately. The archbishops of Canterbury and York banned vicars from churches when the country went into lockdown, a move which went beyond government guidance and provoked furious clergy protests. Now some vicars want C of E leaders to argue more forcefully that the government should accelerate the reopening of churches.

“They should have fought for us to be designated as essential workers, that we must be allowed to minister to people in this crisis,” said one vicar. “But rather than letting us get on with our pastoral role, the bishops have been constantly dishing out instructions.” Another said: “There is a strong sense that the bishops aren’t really on the side of parish priests. The physical presence of a priest in his or her parish has been devalued just at the time when we are needed more than ever. We are so frustrated.”

A third member of the clergy said there was also disappointment that Justin Welby, the archbishop of Canterbury, had used “an enormous amount of time energy in managing what churches can and can’t do in the pandemic, rather than providing moral leadership to the country. He has said absolutely nothing memorable in the past three months. He is more akin to a health and safety official than a spiritual leader.”

Two dozen church leaders, many from black majority churches, have called for a judicial review of the “blanket ‘lockdown’ imposed on all churches ... and the failure to prioritise the re-opening of churches as part of the government’s ‘exit strategy’.” They argue that the “forced closure of all churches” is disproportionate and interferes with Article 9 of the European Declaration of Human Rights.

Pastor Ade Omooba said: “It cannot be right that at present it is lawful to go to a bike shop, B&Q, visit a chiropractor or dry cleaner, and not be allowed to receive holy communion or engage in silent prayer in a church.”

Harriett Sherwood writing in The Guardian 31 May 2020



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Where there is discord

Where there is doubt

Where there is error

Where there is despair

Where there is sadness

Where there is darkness

O Divine Master

grant that I may not seek to be
consoled, as to console.

To be understood, as to understand.

To be loved, as to love.

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Sheffield Daily Telegraph, June 11th 1932 Aston Hall and the Bishop's Appeal Fund

Aston Hall. In the article the newspaper reporter says this photo shows the old moat. In fact it is the ha ha built by Capability Brown. Parts of it can still be seen in the grounds.



“Travellers on the Handsworth to Lindrick road get a glimpse of the grounds of Aston Hall through the gates at the bend of the road. They see little of the Hall, but many admire the pretty corner with its old church and fine trees.

“On Saturday June 18th, there will be an opportunity of seeing the Hall at closer quarters, as a fête organised by the Handsworth Deanery will be held there in aid of the Bishop's Appeal Fund. Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Matthews have lent the grounds of the Hall before for smaller efforts, but on this occasion the fête is to be a large one and the attractions many. There will be shows of all kinds, and entertainment for everyone, but many will prefer to linger on the lawn surrounding the Hall to enjoy the wide view of the fields and woodlands, which is so lovely at this time.

“The Hall stands grey against the vivid background of the freshest green, the colour in this picture being supplied by the heads of many tulips in the flower beds.



“We read of Aston Manor and the church in Hunter’s” Hallamshire,” the first reference being in the history of the 12th century, when the writer refers to many manors in the neighbourhood which are furnished with churches. Again, we read that the manor was included in the Furnival estates, because it was part of the dowry of the second wife of Thomas Furnival. The present Hall has no claim to great antiquity, two halls on practically the same site having been burned down.

“Aston Hall, as we know it, was built by John Carr, an architect of York, in 1747. It is of Roche stone, and is, as can be seen by the photograph, a fine building. It belonged to the Verelst family until it was bought by Mr. Ronald Matthews some five years ago. The photo on this page shows the position of the old moat. Mrs. Matthews has made the Hall a very lovely place, and her knowledge of antiques has enabled her to obtain some very fine pieces, which look well in the spacious rooms.

“Many readers will know the ballroom, which Mrs. Verelst occasionally uses for a meeting room. It is an attractive room, long, high, with windows forming a wide view. The Venetian red of the covers of the antique chairs and settees gives a lovely bit of colour and one can imagine the room looking beautiful at night, when the lights accentuate the colourings.

“On the first floor also is the smaller room, where there are many lovely sewn work pictures and other treasures, and on the staircase are two very fine Chinese vases of a pretty blue green which go so well with the neutral tints of the carpets. The light from the window is reflected in the lovely woodwork of an old bureau, and a short stair giving to the open floor shows a carpet of a soft shade of purple, which adds a note of colour to the picture of a lovely home.

“The library, with its French windows opening on to the smooth lawns, and the dining room, with its fine old tables – and, indeed every room one enters seems to add still more of the dignity and beauty of Aston Hall – one of the lovely old manors of the neighbourhood of Sheffield.

“When making arrangements for next Saturday, remember the fête at Aston Hall; so few people know it, and it is their loss. Motorists reach it on the Handsworth Lindrick road and there will be ample parking accommodation. Others can reach it by the local bus service, which is frequent, and if it should rain there will be cover for all.”

Ann Key
Aston-cum-Aughton History Group



A Plea to the Community of All Saints Church

A warm welcome awaits you whenever you wish to visit our beautiful Grade 1 listed 12th Century Church. Here at All Saints Church Aston we have Services every Sunday and during the week for those people who wish to extend their faith, or cannot make our Sunday Services.

We welcome the residents of our Community. Many of our children visit and play under supervision at our various organised groups. Many of these groups and services are highlighted in this Monthly Parish Magazine.

Our church is run by the Parochial Church Council of All Saints Aston, which comprises elected members of the Congregation, Clergy and Licensed Lay members. The PCC meets every month to discuss our finances and how our money should be spent to benefit and improve our church.

These meetings cover matters from the day to day running of our church, to the safety of every person who enters our church, and the ongoing repairs and maintenance needed to ensure our church is fit for purpose.

We receive many wonderful testaments from visitors who visit our church; from those who have been to a Service, a Wedding, a Baptism, a Funeral or just decided to look around our Church when in the area or staying at Aston Hall Hotel.



Like many other organizations, our Church continues to have challenges to maintain the fabric of the building and the requirements for our Church and Community's future.

We are grateful to members of our congregation and friends who donate to assist in all that we try to do in the development and the continuing pathway work of our Church. These donations are made by a monthly bank direct debit, a weekly envelope scheme or by cash in the collection tray. All monies are used to help in the running of our church.

We hope you too would like to consider becoming part of the continuation of our work and the future of our Church by donating whatever you feel you can afford. Being a charity, if you are a tax payer each £1.00 donation you give attracts 25p from the government, which as you can understand is of great help to us.

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About 700AD the people of Aston embraced Christianity and built a church: probably of wattle and wood. After the Norman Conquest in 1066 the Norman Lord erected a Hall and rebuilt the Church in Stone.

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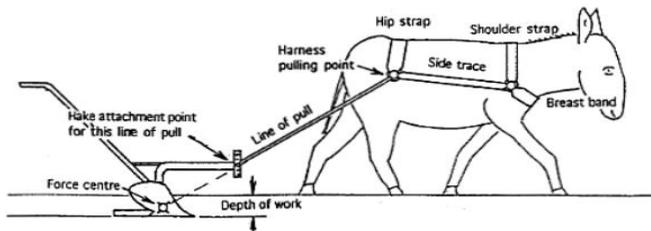
The Rotherham Plough

George Orwell said 'Man is the only creature that consumes without producing. He does not give milk, he does not lay eggs, he is too weak to pull the plough, he cannot run fast enough to catch rabbits. Yet he is lord of all the animals'. He has nevertheless learned to grow food.

Rotherham is still 50% rural or semi-rural and was a market town before it, now much bigger, neighbour was just a village. The Domesday book of 1086 measured worth in terms of agriculture. Rotherham's Lord, Count Robert of Mortain owned 'three ploughlands, one Lord's Plough Team' and 'two and a half men's plough teams'.

Rotherham actually plummeted in value from £4 in 1066, under the Anglo-Saxon Lord Hakon, to just £1/10s under Robert. The locals revolted under 'the Norman yoke' along with most of Yorkshire. William the Conqueror and his toughs left the majority dead. Rotherham had just 8 villagers, 3 smallholders and a priest. Aston, Fence and other local hamlets also survived in miniature.

Mentioning the Rotherham Plough got you a mark at 'O' Level history (1951-1988) for your essay on 'the agricultural revolution'. Several generations of us trotted out its existence along with the name of its inventor Joseph Foljambe of Eastwood and its 1720 Patent date. Few of us knew what it did.



The high-lift harness increases the angle of pull to reduce frictional forces (for example, friction on the landside and beneath the share) and so reduce implement draught (the horizontal component of the pull exerted).

The wedge formed by the curved part of a blade which turns the furrow enabling planting is called the mouldboard. Foljambe gave it iron fittings and sheathed it in iron with carefully calculated curves. This was as exciting as a smartphone in its day and arguably more impactful. At just 40shillings it was also cheaper.



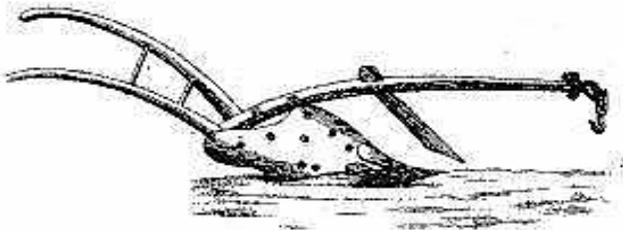
The Plough was a vast improvement. It was more durable, lighter and quicker. It turned the long slice it cut upside down, burying weeds, aerating the soil and conserving moisture. It could plough different depths, even in rough ground. A single ploughman with two horses could use it.

The result was hundred years of increased food production. Its 'upgrades' happened maybe once every thirty years. A Berwickshire Scot, James Small made a cast iron version in 1785 which was exported worldwide as the 'Scots Plough'. Eventually it was made redundant by the tractor.

Rotherham Borough now has 264,000 people. That is only possible, as in the rest of the World, because of the huge increase in agricultural production over the last few hundred years. Less food equals less people. We should all be proud of the Rotherham Plough.

Foljambe assigned some of his Patent rights to his partner Disney Stanyforth of Firbeck (what a great name!) whose widow Mary took unsuccessful Court action in 1741 for £5,000 (equivalent to £950,000 now) against the brothers Bashforth for ripping off the design. She lost because her husband had let people copy it before he died. There is always someone out there looking to get in on the act if you have a really good idea. (Ask James Dyson!)

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In the mid 1600s the Dutch attempted to make improvements to the plough. However, a capital improvement in the plough was the invention of the iron mould-board and landside by Joseph Folijambe from Rotherham who built and patented what was described as the Rotherham Swing Plough in November 1730.



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Aston-cum-Aughton History Group

*Meetings on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month, 7-9pm, William Layne
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Contact: enquire5thage@outlook.com

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In these unprecedented times God is still our refuge and strength - Psalm 46

- 1 God is our refuge and strength,
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- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
- 3 though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.
- 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
- 5 God is within her, she will not fall;
God will help her at break of day.
- 6 Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;
he lifts his voice, the earth melts.
- 7 The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

God bless you and keep you and your loved ones safe at this difficult time.



From the Registers



Due to the Government's Guidelines on Lockdown
there have been no Baptisms or Funerals
at All Saints Church during April 2020

In the Day of Trouble

There is a God who answers prayer
Who intercedes before the throne
The Son of God who ever cares
Who walks with us, we're not alone.

Though flood and pestilence should come
He sees the path that we now tread
His rod and staff will comfort us
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Please pray for the Diocese of Sheffield.

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Renew us as we make your love known;

Release us to share freely together in mission;

and **Rejuvenate** us to be fruitful in your service.

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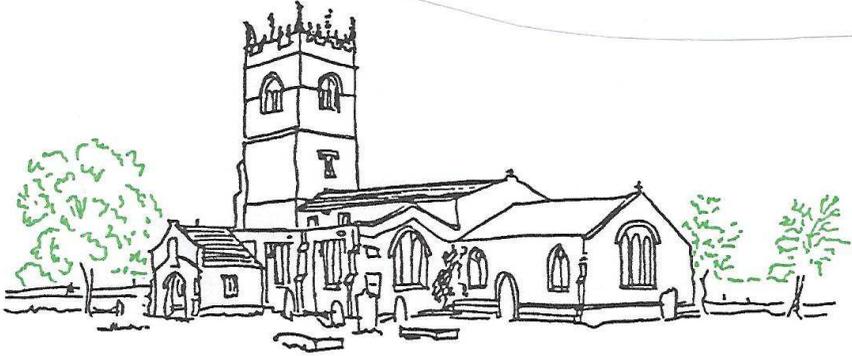
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Give her your name, address, telephone number, E-mail and most important of all, your permission to pass this information to a local Team Leader.

Our daily prayers continue and we trust that you will stay safe and healthy.



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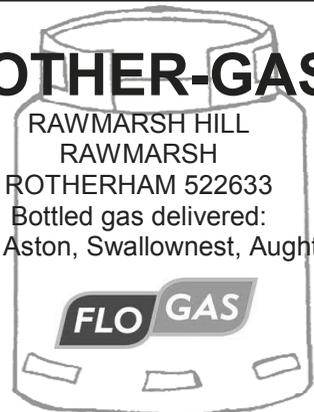
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