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Part of the great company *an All Saints tide letter by Rodney Nicholson*

I can sit for ages, remembering delightful Christians whom I have known, who may lack the official title of “saints” but who, for me, belong to the company of heaven, remembered not least at All Saints tide. Here at Pocklington I think of Paddy Palmer and Ivor Loney who died during the coronavirus restrictions. Paddy, whose faith was expressed in her preaching, poetry writing and many acts of practical kindness, inspired so many people. Ivor too, with his deep love of the holy communion and his generosity of life, brought a light to the many circles in which he moved. Over 90, they both anticipated the new life ahead. I think too of Jonathan Mardell, Laurie Nicholson and Jennifer Bean.

I think too of so many dear people from my former parishes who are now with their Lord. They weren't perfect, as none of the saints are, but they showed something of Christ, whether they realised it or not. There's Kathleen, whose main fault was that she wouldn't listen to her doctor and rest. If she had done, she would be alive today. But she gave of herself to the family social work department of the diocese, as well as adding to her own family of two children three whom she adopted. Originally a Sunday School teacher, she switched to becoming a Reader, but all the time won people by her gentleness, her unflappability and her deep and practical faith.

I think of Richard, originally from Liverpool, who took life rather seriously – perhaps because he was the church treasurer! – but who lived generously and compassionately, no doubt brought out of himself by his wife, Jessie, an equally firm Christian. She once asked me to help with a slide show at the Townswomen's Guild about her visit to Israel. She warned me not to preach but then she herself spoke forcefully about Christ in a way which I wouldn't have done in that setting.

I remember Russell, a regular at the early Communion, who struggled with increasing arthritis to get to the service which meant so much to him. I later discovered that he has boxed in his early years. There's Carol, who became a Christian after being challenged by the parish's new, evangelical vicar. She too became a Reader and a very fine preacher, but earlier in her Christian service she did a great deal for the teenagers of the village. Sadly she latterly became rather intolerant when other church members did not see things as she did. And there's Eileen, who joined the church after her son died, came to a real faith, I believe, and generously supported the shoe box appeal and any other activity going. She also died, too early, of cancer, as had her husband. I took all three of those services. As the letter to the Hebrews says, time forbids me to carry on.

“For all the saints, who from their labours rest”, we sing. This year, as with all our hymns, we shall have to content ourselves with following the words, while Michael plays. But the saints are still beckoning us on, both the well-known ones like Cuthbert, Francis and John Wesley, and also those whom we knew personally – and loved, in spite, perhaps, of their idiosyncrasies.

The letter to the Hebrews goes on to say:

“Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our Faith.”

May we all this All Saints tide feel supported the “angels, archangels and all the company of heaven”.

Yours in Christ,

Rodney Nicholson

Sentamu will be made a peer

Apparently considerable anger was expressed on Facebook at the former Archbishop of York not being given an automatic peerage. An article in the Sunday Times pointed out that such people as Theresa May’s husband, Philip, Ian Botham and Claire Fox had been elevated, but not John Sentamu. Agreeing with the strong reaction, David Davis, the former Conservative cabinet minister thought that Downing Street had made a mistake in overlooking the 97th archbishop, whilst ennobling Boris Johnson’s brother, Jo.

The error, it seems, will be rectified. Archbishop Stephen said on “Look North” that Sentamu’s greatest privilege was to know Jesus Christ, but agreed that he should have a seat in the House of Lords.

The deadline for the December edition is Monday 23rd November and copy should be emailed to: Office @allsaintspock.plus.com



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

As I start to write this description of my distinctive day(s) for this month, I am very much thinking about the people I have known, loved and lost who are now with the Saints in heaven. I doubt whether any of them would have counted themselves as “saintly” people but, in my eyes, they all had certain aspects which fitted the description. Martin Luther said that there were three ways in which Christians should honour the saints: thanksgiving to God for their example; strengthening our faith in God through their encouragement and imitating their faith and their virtues. The trouble is, we often feel that to be called “holy” or “saintly” is a bit too heavy and over-the-top; but, if we look at our best example of how to lead a good life, Jesus himself, we can see that he knew how to enjoy himself – good food, wine and parties! We like to be thought of as “good” but, double that up and “goody goody” is certainly not an aspirational description.

Most countries also have patron saints and match some holiday or celebration dates to the feast days of particular saints. All Saints Day is a festival occasion all around the world. In the middle ages the poor were given ‘soulcakes’ in exchange for praying for the souls of the departed, a custom from which ‘trick-or-treat’ probably evolved. In Spain the preference is for roasted chestnuts and almond cakes, a remnant of the custom of leaving offerings with the bodies of the dead, while in France chrysanthemums decorate the graves of the departed. In Poland, families take flowers, candles and even picnics with them to the cemeteries where their relatives are buried.

It is a shame that the date chosen for the Christian All Saints' festival was about the same time as the pagan festival of Samhain. Some of the old pagan rituals have become part of All Hallows eve, or Halloween. We should not be thinking about darkness but light...the Light of Christ. Saul was far from saintly when he persecuted the early Christians but he certainly "saw the light" on the road to Damascus when his meeting with Jesus transformed his life and he was renamed Paul and revered as a Saint thereafter.

This year we have not been able to hold our annual service of Remembrance, Hope and Thanksgiving for those who have died in the past two years and at which their families and friends would have an opportunity to join together. The opening words are: "We come today to remember with thankfulness those we have known and loved who have died. We give thanks for all that they have meant to us. We come seeking to learn of God's love and to open our lives to the help and strength that he can give us as we continue on the journey of life without them." It usually attracted at least a hundred people who would hear the names of their loved ones read out and could then light a candle as they made an Act of Remembrance. The silence after the candles were lit would often be palpable and some said they felt an overwhelming sense of peace. Some will be lighting a candle at home on the day we would have been holding the service, 25th October, when a candle will be lit in church and the names read out during Morning Service. Not all of those being remembered will have been practising Christians in their earthly lives but they may well have had a faith known only to God. Many will have led lives regarded as "good", been loving towards their friends and families, and been caring members of the community. Will some be regarded as "saints"?

The Bible does not refer to individuals as "saints" and, in a sense, we are all saints, part of the same family of God as those named as such in the second century and beyond.

In Hebrews 12:1-2 we read that we are surrounded by a great crowd of witnesses; all Christians who have died are watching us and supporting us as we try to follow Jesus in our earthly lives. If we do this, we shall, like them, be with our Lord forever. Through the Holy Spirit and in prayer we can all fulfil God's calling to us to live faithfully and to share in the task of bringing the Gospel to this world that God loves so much....to be His saints on earth.

Father, we thank you for loving and working through the lives of all the Christians who died before us. We pray that you will help us to be like them so that one day we may be with you and all other Christians who have gone before us. We praise you for your saints who have been faithful to that vision, and who inspire us to seek your kingdom, now and in the world to come. AMEN.

Deacon Bronnie

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

In 2019 Mothers' Union helped over 1 million people worldwide through projects, programmes and work at community level.

Why do we do this?

We believe in bringing about a better world for us all. By stopping violence, stopping poverty and stopping injustice, we are helping to build that better future.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, has said 'Mothers' Union is the heart and love of the Church'

That was last year, this year has been so different and hard for everyone worldwide. During these unprecedented times we have all struggled to find ways to stay connected.

In Manchester, the Mothers' Union encouraged members to write poetry about their experiences this year. The poems received came from members and non-members, from grandchildren and friends of all ages.

I wonder if anyone at All Saints has anything to share with us in this magazine.

From our Midday prayers:-

Lord God, you are our refuge in times of trouble,

help when storm clouds gather,

strength in our weakness, peace in our busyness

the focus of our worship, our confidence and hope.

May we know God's peace within the storms of life;

and in the quietness beyond, as the waves subside, hear that gentle whisper,

'Be still, my child, and rest.'

Keep safe, with Many Blessings, Dot

Survivor makes it to Britain on fifth attempt

In August Ahmed Fadol Adam (21) saw his friend Abdulfatah Hamdallah drown as they tried to cross the Channel. Ahmed made his fifth attempt at the crossing on 29th September with 11 other Sudanese refugees and a Chadian. The group was sent from Dover to a centre in Bedford for five days, before being transferred to a temporary hotel in London, housing dozens of asylum seekers waiting for their applications to be heard.

Ahmed grew up in slums in central Sudan, escaping at 16 from the Darfur conflict of 2013. He was enslaved in Libya for five years before his family bought his freedom. On release he got work but often was not paid, and was kidnapped and jailed for four months. He and others escaped from prison and he worked in a Turkish restaurant to pay for his travel to Italy. After a hazardous journey and more jail, he reached Nice.

He would like to study music and drama so as to tell the story of his ordeal by acting. May Priti Patel have sympathy and not deport him.

All Saints feature of the month – special lamp from a special person



The sanctuary lamp in the Lady Chapel of All Saints is a nice feature in its own right, but what makes it more special is the person who donated it – the remarkable Canon Noel Duckworth, who gives All Saints a link with the Olympics, the BBC and with the recent commemorated V-J Day.

Noel Duckworth had an auspicious beginning to his Christian life – he was born in Goole on Christmas Day 1912, hence his name, son of Rev. Peter Duckworth, vicar of Swinefleet.

After Lincoln School he went up to Cambridge University and began rowing. A diminutive 5ft 2in, he was physically more suited to being a coxswain than an oarsman, and taking his place in the prow of the boat his charisma, loud voice and willpower saw him become the country's leading cox. He steered the Cambridge boat to three successive boat race successes, 1934-36, and coxed the Great Britain eight in the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin, the GB boat just missing out on a medal after finishing fourth.

Ordained in late 1936 (his two brothers also became Anglican ministers and all three were subsequently made canons), he had an immediate impact as the curate of the now demolished Church of the Transfiguration in Hull.

When war broke out he straightaway enlisted along with his brothers and five sisters, becoming Padre of 2nd Cambridgeshires with the rank of Captain Chaplain. The regiment was shipped out to Malaya in 1941, but in January 1942 was ordered to withdraw in the face of a Japanese advance. His battalion had 40 wounded men who were too ill to move and Duckworth volunteered to stay behind to supervise their surrender.

He is credited with saving many lives throughout the course of the war; and it is believed that those 40 wounded owed their survival to him and his rowing fame – Duckworth had

competed against the Japan national team on a number of occasions in the 1930s, and the Japanese officer is said to have recognised and greeted him, then spared the wounded contingent when so often in such circumstances they would have been executed.

As a prisoner of war Duckworth endured three years of the very harshest of regimes. Frequently beaten and tortured for arguing with his captors, he was put to work on the notorious Burma railway. Of the 1,680 of his camp comrades only 250 were alive at the end of the war, but many of those who did survive wrote later that it was their Padre's ministry and encouragement that sustained them in the darkest times and prevented them giving up. His indomitable spirit and faith gave hope and inspiration to all around him; along with his ability as a black market trader - conning the prison guards into buying worthless items from him, such as broken pens and watches, then promptly obtaining food and medicines from locals to give the weaker men.

When the war ended, Duckworth was asked to broadcast his experiences for the BBC World Service, describing the horrors of PoW existence in a speech he ironically titled 'Japanese Holiday'. Britain commemorates V-J Day on 15 August, America on 2 September, but his radio speech came when the war in the Far East finally ended with the Japanese surrender in Singapore on 12 September 1945.

Duckworth returned to England and to Cambridge as chaplain of St Johns College and as boat race commentator for BBC Grandstand, but spent much of his time travelling the length and breadth of Britain giving support to fellow PoW survivors, and the families of those who did not return. He then switched to West Africa as an Anglican missionary and academic administrator, serving nine years as Dean of the newly established University of Ghana; where he also became a Canon of Accra Cathedral, typically taking his mission out into surrounding villages, in his spare time putting up church and school buildings and founding six free schools.

In 1957 he came home to Yorkshire as Pocklington School's first chaplain, teaching Divinity and once again playing a wider role in school and community, quickly becoming a familiar figure at All Saints.

Totally unassuming, he nevertheless became something of a celebrity during his time at Pocklington. In 1959 he presented a TV special about Pocklington School's most famous old boy, William Wilberforce, as the BBC marked the 200th anniversary of the emancipator's birth. In 1961 he delighted the people of Pocklington, town and school, by being the subject of hit television show 'This is Your Life', then subsequently the castaway on radio's 'Desert Island Discs'.

At Pocklington School he was highly regarded as a Divinity teacher and popular with his pupils, not least for piling a dozen or more into his car for trips to village pubs! But the lure of Cambridge, university and river, was too strong and in late 1961 he went back as the first

chaplain of the new Churchill College, giving All Saints the antique sanctuary lamp as a leaving present.

At Cambridge he once again touched the lives of everyone he met, being wise counsel and charismatic cleric, also founding and coaching the college rowing club and becoming the coach of the university women's rowing club.

He retired back to Yorkshire in 1973 and died in 1980, aged 68. At his funeral a former comrade said: "he bore all the hallmarks of a Twentieth Century Saint", and a biography, published in 2012, is titled: 'Canon Noel Duckworth: An Extraordinary Life.' Enough said.



The above article written by Phil Gilbank

Churches' services valued at £12.4 billion

It is often said that those who care for an elderly relative at home save the state millions of pounds. Similarly, the 35,000 projects of social value, which the Church of England's 16,000 churches ran before the pandemic, have been calculated to have a value of £12.4bn. These include 8,000 food banks, 4,000 parent and toddler groups, 5,000 lunch clubs or coffee mornings, 2,700 community cafés, 2,400 night shelters and 2,300 breakfast or holiday clubs for children. There are currently more food banks than McDonalds in the UK.

The figure is based on a market value of £2.4bn and a non-market (also called social and welfare) value of £10bn. The market value represents what local authorities would have to pay if they were to replicate the church's services. It includes such costs as staffing and the hire of church buildings. The non-market or social value is hard to measure financially but is an attempt to put a figure on such qualities as health, happiness and confidence which these projects produce.

St Stephen's, West Bowling, Bradford is one example of a socially active church. Sixteen years ago it nearly closed because the congregation of six people "rattled around" in a big building in poor repair and in a predominantly Muslim area. Today it is a vital hub, providing support and activities in an acutely deprived parish.

The pews have been cleared and new heating installed. On a typical day a visitor might find an exercise class, a support group for asylum seekers, community meals being cooked and served, singing and stories for infants, mosaic-making, and people. The church's website gives details.

The vicar, the Revd Jimmy Hinton (56), whose late father, David, was also a priest, called St Stephen's "a story of resurrection". Since he took over in 2005, he has seen a church which seemed finished develop into a place used every day of the week. "Some people just want somewhere friendly and warm," he added. *Source: The Observer newspaper*

Greta was not invited to parties

Swedish environmental activist, Greta Thunberg (17) owes her success to her autism. "I am Greta", a film about to be released, recalls her difficult early childhood in which she withdrew into her own world at age 11. She almost starved to death, only spoke to her mother and sister and, shunned by other children, and was never invited to parties. Her dogs played a major part in her young life – a black Labrador, Roxy and a golden retriever, Moses.

Life then became happier and her autism enabled her to concentrate single-mindedly on climate change. "People, like me," she said, "are not stuck in the social games of avoiding important issues. We dare to ask difficult questions while others seem content with role-play". Her Asperger's syndrome makes her unperturbed by criticism. The disdain of Donald Trump, Vladimir Putin and Brazil's populist president, Jair Bolsonaro does not diminish her commitment to environmental change. By contrast she has won the praise of Pope Francis, Sir David Attenborough and an array of climate change scientists.

She dislikes small talk, preferring to stick to routines and stay "laser-focused". Her father, Svante Thunberg, acknowledges her ability to concentrate fiercely. "She can read a book and remember everything in it," he says. Greta maintains that her autism has given her a unique vision of the looming crisis being unleashed by rising carbon dioxide emissions.

Her campaigning began with the school strikes in 2018. "Why have an education when there is no future?" she demanded. Then last year an infuriated Greta told delegates at the UN climate summit: "People are dying; we are in the beginning of a mass extinction, and all you can talk about is money and fairytales about economic growth. How dare you!" Greta Thunberg compares our situation to being in a burning house, where everyone argues about the fire alarm instead of the actual fire.

She is now studying for her school exams and planning a career in the social sciences. "The interest in me will soon fade," she believes, "which is good, because it's not healthy at such a young age. So I need to see past it, though all the travelling was good fun". She is happy with the documentary but not with the title, which suggests that she takes herself very seriously. "And I don't," she insists. *Source: The Observer newspaper*

November Services in the Pocklington Group of Churches

Burnby

1st November 9.15 am Family Service (CW)

Great Givendale

8th November 9.15 am Morning Prayer (BCP) with baptism

22nd 9.15 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Hayton

15th 9.15 am Morning Prayer (CW)

Huggate

1st November 9.15 am All Age Worship

8th 4.00 pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

15th 9.15 am Morning Prayer (CW)

22nd 9.15 am Morning Prayer (CW)

Londesborough

1st November 10.45 am Morning Prayer (BCP)

8th 10.45 am Holy Communion (CW)

22nd 10.45 am Morning Prayer (BCP)

Millington

11th 9.15am No service

25th 9.15 am No service

Nunburnholme

1st November 10.45 am All Age Worship

15th 10.45 am Family Communion (CW)

Pocklington

1st November 9.15 am No service

1st 10.45 am Family Service

8th 10.45 am Holy Communion (CW)

15th 9.15 am No service

15th 10.45 am Special

22nd 10.45 am Holy Communion (CW)

29th 10.45 am Holy Communion (CW) Group Service

Shiptonthorpe

1st November 10.45 am Holy Communion (BCP)

8th 10.45 am Special

15th 10.45 am Morning Prayer (BCP)

22nd 10.45 am Family Communion (CW)

29th 9.15 am Morning Prayer (BCP)

PARISH REGISTERS

We have welcomed into the Christian Family through Baptism:

We have united in Marriage through the love of God

27 th September	Michael James Linstead and Sarah Elaine Horton	Londesborough
24 th October	Richard William Webster and Yvonne Macey Cordukes Coverdale	Nunburnholme

We have commended to God's sure keeping with thanksgiving:

6 th October	Dr Michael Laing	Pocklington
9 th October	Barbara Mary Ashwin	Londesborough
13 th October	Elizabeth (Betty) Hopwood	Pocklington
16 th October	Richard Pouton	Pocklington
23 rd October	Jane Gray	Burnby
27 th October	Jean Rose Snook	Pocklington

PASTORAL SERVICES

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

To enquire about arrangements for these services
The Office will be open on a Tuesday from 10am to 12noon

Please ring the following number or email as below

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Scale of fees and charges for 2020

Baptisms

There is no fee for a service of Baptism

Certificate of Baptism, if required. £14.00

Weddings

Publication of Banns. £31.00

Certificate of Banns, if required. £14.00

Marriage Service. £463.00

Verger £40.00

Organist £80.00

Bells £120.00

Heating £75.00

Please note that an additional charge will be made if extra facilities are required.

We regret that it is not always possible to come back into the Church for additional photographs after the service.

Funerals

Funeral service in Church £199.00

Cremation pre or post service in Church £28.00

Funeral service at Crematorium or Cemetery £199.00

Please note that additional fees may apply and the office will advise

Verger £35.00

Organist £80.00

Heating £75.00

Ministers Expenses £40.00

A Prayer for the life of our Parishes and Churches

O God ,make the door of this church wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship; narrow enough to shut out envy ,pride and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block for children, nor to straying feet, but rugged and strong to turn back the tempter's power. God make the doorway of this house the entrance to your eternal kingdom. Amen

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