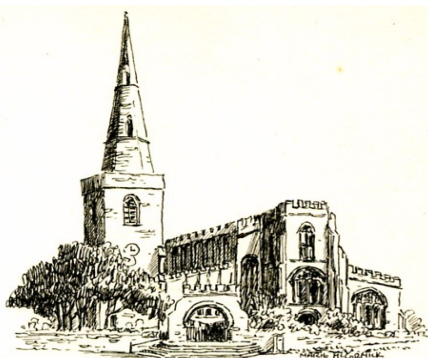


# Astbury & Smallwood Parish News

May 2017

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**THE RECTOR,**  
Rev Dr Jeffrey C. Cuttell

My dear friends,

**The New Tribalism**

Some of us may remember the troubling days when it was apparently acceptable for a sign outside a pub or a boarding house to say ‘no dogs, no blacks, no Irish’<sup>1</sup> To our modern minds, such prejudice can seem pretty shocking. In fact, I like to think that to a great many good and broad-minded people, such sentiments were shocking even in the 1960s. Thankfully those memories are just that, memories of a past that has now rightly and thankfully slid away and disappeared below the horizon. It may therefore come as some surprise in our liberal and multicultural society, there is growing evidence that over the last fifty years we have become demonstrably *less* tolerant, *less* accepting, and *less* generous society towards those who think differently from ourselves.

In one piece of research<sup>2</sup> it was discovered that in 1960 only one in twenty parents would be unhappy if their child were to marry someone of a different political persuasion from their own. I suppose such was the case in my own family. Politically, my father was a Daily Mail Tory, my mother was an unreformed Labour socialist; it was no big deal. But there is growing evidence that this would not be the case today. The research suggests that by 2010 a half of all parents said they would be unhappy if their children were to choose partners of a different political persuasion from their own.

A few examples: on social media we can unconsciously surround ourselves by politically like-minded friends. Indeed, we may be tempted to ‘unfriend’ ourselves from those whose political and social opinions we disagree with or perhaps even find distasteful. Universities, which should be places of debate and robust argument are increasingly pressurised to ‘no platform’ public speakers whose political ideologies the staff or student body disagree with. In the Church, the Suffragan Bishop of Burnley, Philip North, was recently appointed to the senior post of Diocesan Bishop of Sheffield. Bishop

Philip is a traditionalist and represents a dissenting position on women priests. The furore that followed the announcement of his appointment led to his withdrawal - despite the fact that he received almost universal support from women bishops who had worked with him and the many women priests who had served under his oversight<sup>3</sup>.

The early church was a diverse body comprised of political zealots and quisling tax collectors, religious pharisees and prostitutes from the streets, covenantal Jews and Greek foreigners, men and women, traditionalists and radicals. When they decided what it was to be a Christian, they didn't talk about sexual preference or political ideology. We, as a people, decided that as long as we hold to a core faith in Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the rest is just acceptable diversity.

In a time when politics is becoming increasingly divisive, and when some shrill voices in the church are dividing over secondary issues of sexuality or gender - we, as Christians, have a duty to speak out for how it is possible to live together in harmony and difference. Otherwise, I fear we have the capacity as a society to descend into a new tribalism.

We live in a more dangerous world when we don't know how to disagree and still love one another.

Jeff Cuttell.

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<sup>1</sup> 'No Irish, no blacks signs' in *The Guardian* 28th October 2015 by A. Murray, Director of the Irish Studies Centre, London Metropolitan University.

<sup>2</sup> 'Fear and loathing across party lines: New evidence on group polarization' in *The American Journal of Political Science* 2015 by S. Iyengar, Professor of Political Science at Stanford University and S. J. Westwood, Researcher in Social Psychology at Princeton University

<sup>3</sup> 'Sadness as Philip North pulls out of Sheffield' in *The Church Times*, 9th March 2017.

Editor – Mr W. Ball

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

All Saints' Chapel of Ease, Somerford: The services of Evensong in the chapel continue at 2.30 pm on the first Sunday of each month.

We shall be having the Annual Dinner at *The Legs of Man* at 7 for 7.30 pm on Saturday 13th May. We hope you will be able to join us. Please let me know and I shall let you have a menu. Choice of 4 starters and 4 main, plus sweet trolley and coffee for £22.

Margaret Pennington

The Grand National Evening on 7th April raised £816 towards church funds. £30 of prize money was returned as a gift and the CW Caterers, who came to our rescue, only charged for their costs not their time – a very generous gesture. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way or supported us on the night.

Brenda Cook

Advance Notice: The Archdeacon's Visitation for Congleton and Nantwich Deaneries will be at the Church of St Mary, Nantwich at 7.30 pm on Monday 22nd May: please put it in your diary or organizer now!

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Church Openings, 2017: We are sorry to announce that the church will not be open to visitors on Sunday afternoons over the summer as has been the pattern over the last twenty years and more. However, we shall be open on Bank Holiday Sundays and Mondays in 2017 as follows: 28th & 29th May; and 27th & 28th August, between 12.00 noon and 6.00 pm, with light refreshments available between 2.00 and 4.30 pm. In addition, individual and group visits may also be arranged in advance throughout the year by contacting Mr Ball on 01260 279276 or [wbbtov@gmail.com](mailto:wbbtov@gmail.com)

Are you interested in tracing your ancestors? Even before television programmes such as *Who do you think you are?* many people had begun to research their Family History and were discovering their ancestors. Among the best resources, of course, are the records of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials held in Church Registers and the Inscriptions on the Gravestones in Churchyards. We have published a computer CD which contains all those inscriptions (from 1608) and also lists the burial places of everyone buried in our churchyards since 1892. It is easy to search through the more than 10,000 names recorded. The CD costs £12 (plus £1.50 p & p), cheques payable to Astbury PCC) and is available from Mr Ball. A companion DVD containing images of our Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials from 1572 to about 1910 is also available. This costs £20 (plus £1.50 p & p) and is also available from Mr Ball. The CD and DVD are available also on a memory stick (at the same prices).

Lastly, the Report on our Eagle Lectern from the Hamilton Kerr Institute at Cambridge University is also available as a CD or on a memory stick (cost £5) of the various documents in Microsoft Word or Adobe Reader format for you to print your own copy.

Your Church Needs You . . . Are you interested in volunteering? We are always looking for willing individuals to take the opportunity to do great things for our church and local community. There are many

activities on offer to suit a variety of talents, for example, reading the lesson during the Sunday services; church and brass cleaning rota; cake baking rota (11.00 am service); choir singing (6.30 pm service); bell-ringing; flower arranging; leading Junior Church 11.00 am service (rota); setting up Tiddler Church 11.00 am service (rota); events organizing; joining the PCC; pastoral team; Rectory tea; carol singing at Astbury Mere Care Home; listening to children read at Astbury School; marshalling at Astbury May Day and the Astbury Live Nativity; acting in the Live Nativity; Astbury Ladies' Fellowship; welcoming visitors to church open afternoons and more . . .

If you are interested in how you can give of your time and talents, please ask the Churchwardens or Rector for further details. Thank you.

Jane Moore

Astbury Ladies' Fellowship: The April meeting was the 25th AGM and silver anniversary of the founding of the Fellowship. We had a communion service in church, led by the Rector, followed by meal in the village hall. During his sermon, the rector referred to 'jubilee' - which comes from 'juba', the instrument which herald the great celebrations for the Jews in ancient times and 'fellowship' as supporting one another. We prayed for members who were unable to join us and hope they will soon be feeling better.

After the service we made our way to the village hall and took our seats at three long tables. We said the Fellowship Prayer and Mrs Goodwin thanked members for the beautiful flowers she had received for her special birthday. She thanked the committee for their hard work in the last year; Jan Hardie-Woolridge, Secretary, for tackling things with great zest and making seven tablecloths for us - and here the rector interposed with thanks for the altar cloths she had made. Logos were being considered. Treasurer Christine Brooks was thanked for her dedication in keeping us well in order; Assistant Treasurer Kath Wainwright, who is also our village hall representative for her detailed reports; Speakers' hostess Margaret Pennington and also for help on the raffle; and Margaret McLeavey and Ina Lomas for making the welcome cup of tea at our meetings. Sheila Norman continues to arrange our luncheons, and she was taking names for the Summer one

on 19th July, at the Legs of Man (£17). Sadly, we lost Betty Clark last summer. Members were asked if they would consider joining the committee. All the above members were re-elected. The treasurer presented her annual statement. Subscriptions have increased to £18 and are now due. Mrs Wainwright gave the village hall report. There will be an afternoon tea in the village hall in aid of the St George Foundation on 25th June and the AGM is on Monday, 12th June at 7.00 pm in the village hall.

Mrs Goodwin gave a brief account of the Fellowship, which had been founded on 22nd April 1992. The first committee meeting had been at Radnor Bank Farm, the home of Bill and Betty Wainwright. The chairman had been the then rector's wife Mrs Dawn Brazier; vice-chairman Mrs Una Bibby; Secretary Mrs Betty Wainwright; Treasurer Mrs Joyce Taylor; Programmes Mrs Dorothy Holliday; Outings Mrs Betty Clark and teas Mrs Taylor and Miss Phyllis Broad. The first members' meeting was held in the village hall on 21st May 1992 with 35 members attending. The subscription was £3 and tea 25p. 50 members in July, and an open meeting raised £600. Funds were needed for the roofs of Astbury and Smallwood churches and Somerford Chapel. 64 members attended the first Christmas party organized by Mrs Lily Barber and were entertained by handbell ringers. At the committee meeting on 14th October 1992 it was decided to have a banner incorporating the logos of Astbury, Smallwood and Somerford. Mrs Brazier made enquiries and the cost would have been £450. This was deemed 'exorbitant' and the matter was put on hold. In September 2011 a sub-committee was formed, chaired by Mrs Geraldine Barrett to take the matter forward. Eighteen months later we had a material banner, St Mary's blue and the Astbury daffodils. The machine embroidery was done by 'Lucky Sevens Embroidery' (3,000 stitches for the church alone) and the stand was made by Kevin Beresford. Thanks were expressed to Congleton Inclosure Trust which made a donation towards the cost, and to Mrs Toni Morgan who had hand sewn the raw edges of applied gold braid. In a service of dedication on 17th April 2013 the then rector Jon Sharples made reference to the concept of 'fellowship' as it appears in the Bible. The Greek word 'koinonia' means fellowship in a very active sense, not just being together but

proactively doing together and moving forward. So on 19th April 2017, we reflected on 25 years of meeting together, cleaning the church, providing church teas on Bank Holiday weekends, making cakes for May Day, taking part in the Women's World Day of Prayer, donating through our speakers to various charities and the orphanage in Sierra Leone and towards church flowers through the season.

Our next meeting will be on 17th May when there will be a speaker on Christian Aid. We are having a stall at the May Day on Saturday 20th and will need cakes, plants and good bric-a-brac. We hope you will have time to support this. You could bring items to the May meeting. When the rector had said Grace we enjoyed a delicious meal of gammon and Cumberland sauce with all the trimmings and a choice of sweets, followed by tea or coffee all brought to us by Beech Tree Catering. The chairman cut the cake, made by Mrs Jane Goodwin, and when we had had our glasses charged with Bucks Fizz, the rector proposed the toast to the Fellowship. Members chatted as the raffle was drawn. There were more prizes, as Mrs Hardie-Woolridge had made Easter table decorations and donated them to the raffle. As the meeting closed the chairman wished members a safe journey home.

Carole Goodwin

Astbury Women's Institute: The Meeting opened with a warm welcome from Margaret Pearson our President to all members and also to Sally Dyke who was visiting from Goostrey WI and is a WI Adviser. Kate Burrow was thanked for bringing flowers for the President's table and Yvonne Walker read last month's minutes. Catherine Pedley went through the Treasurer's report and also said that numbers were growing and we now had 51 members.

Astbury Village Green bench was given a spring clean by Margaret Pearson and Catherine Pedley and it now looks better than ever. The tree and village green with its daffodil show has delighted visitors who drive through Astbury all through Spring and the bench now looks shiny and clean again in readiness for anyway wanting to stay and drink in the view of the church.

May Day at Glebe Farm will once again be taking place and Astbury WI will be helping. Members were asked to assist on the day making



sandwiches and doing teas but also to bake cakes. Plenty of members have already signed up to being there on 20th May and it was decided to bake cup cakes , butterfly buns, lemon drizzles and cakes. This is an important event which everyone wants to support. It was a great success last year and we hope it will be again in 2017.

Yvonne Walker went through outings planned and a trip to Media City will now be on 3rd June; there are only a few places remaining and 21 bookings already reserved. On 2nd August there will be a trip to Windermere and Afternoon Tea. A Christmas shopping trip was being organized to Meadowhall and the list was being circulated. A trip to Chester Cathedral for the Carol Service on Wednesday 6th December is also planned which will be popular.

Dane Valley Group meetings of which Astbury WI is a part of also arranges meetings and next week on 2nd May ‘Sex and The Tudors’ will be held at Goostrey Village Hall. On Thursday 27th July a Luncheon at The Yellow Broom with entertainment and which was a huge success last year.

Our speaker this time was a big surprise it turned out that at the last minute our booked speaker was unable to attend and therefore the surprise talk was given called ‘Born on A Boat’, told by our President Margaret Pearson .

This was an extremely interesting life story and it wasn’t until nearly the end that the big reveal was in fact Margaret’s life story. Everyone was riveted in their seats listening to this very personal and moving story. A true story that Margaret brought to life before everyone. Truly memorable. Thank you.

Coffee and biscuits were served and then the Raffle was drawn and we ended the evening with *God Save The Queen*. Our next meeting is Wednesday 3rd May which will be a Cheese & Wine event and the competition will be to make 6 cheese straws.

We look forward to meeting and welcoming new and old members so if you require any further information then please do not hesitate to contact Kate Burrow 07769 933887 (mobile).

Kate Burrow

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Sartor's Quiz (Answers on page 19)

1. St Augustine, the first Archbishop of Canterbury, sent to England by Pope Gregory I, landed in Kent in what year? a. 595; b. 596; c. 597; d. 598.
2. Which is the largest Christian cathedral in the world after St Peter's in Rome? a. Chartres; b. Notre Dame; c. Cologne; d. Liverpool.
3. Which of these objects is an emblem of St Martha, the epitome of housewifely virtues? a. Bucket; b. Basket; c. Bowl; d. Ladle.
4. Who, according to the book of Genesis, was the first man to plant a vineyard? a. Adam; b. Cain; c. Abel; d. Noah.
5. The four young Israelites at the court of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon were given other names by the palace master. Which one was called Shadrach? a. Daniel; b. Hananiah; c. Mishael; d. Azariah.
6. How many pieces of silver did the chief priests pay Judas to betray Jesus? a. Ten; b. Twenty; c. Thirty; d. Forty.
7. With a what did Judas identify Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane? a. Kiss; b. Gesture; c. Handshake; d. Word.
8. What was the name of the ship in which Jason sailed in search of the Golden Fleece? a. Agamemnon; b. Aquitania; c. Argo; d. Arcadia.
9. What did Arthur Wynne from Liverpool invent? a. Crossword Puzzle; b. Lifeboat; c. Hovercraft; d. Steamboat.
10. In T. S. Eliot's *Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats*, Gus, the Theatre Cat, 'likes to relate his success on the Halls', where the gallery once gave him how many cat-calls? a. Four; b. Five; c. Six; d. Seven.

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## WORDS OF WIT & WISDOM

Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

Romans 12, 12

Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take note for what is noble in the sight of all.

Romans 12, 17

Shakespeare was not of a n age, but for all time.

Ben Jonson

Jesus replied, 'I am the way, the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father except by me.'

John 14, 6

Jesus lived truth as well as teaching it. Those who claim to know God must reflect his character in their lives. Truth must not only be grasped with the mind, but lived out day by day.

Mary Batchelor

When 'Omer smote 'is bloomin' lyre,  
He'd 'eard men sing by land an' sea,  
An' what he thought 'e might require,  
'E went an' took – the same as me!

They knew 'e stole; 'e knowed they knowed.  
They didn't tell, nor make a fuss,  
But winked at 'Omer down the road,  
An' 'e winked back – the same as us.

Rudyard Kipling

A career is something you choose; a calling is something you receive.  
A career is something you do for yourself; a calling is something you do for God.

UCB *Word for Today*, Sunday 1 May 2016

Never underestimate the power of a kind word or deed. Remember that what you give will afford you more pleasure than what you get.

H. Jackson Brown, Jr: *Life's Little Instruction Book*

## FOUR FASCINATING FACTS

The Lake District National Park, perhaps the most beautiful place on earth, is only thirty-nine miles long from top to bottom and thirty-three miles across at its widest point. It gets 16 million visitors a year, that is four times as many as Yellowstone National Park in America, in an area just a quarter the size.

The Matterhorn is an interestingly shaped mountain in the Alps., between Switzerland and Italy, first climbed in 1865 by the English mountaineer Edward Whymper, but not without tragic loss of life. Difficult and dangerous, its ascent has always presented a challenge to adventurous climbers.

Following the Battle of Hastings and the Norman Conquest, nearly all surviving Anglo-Saxon and Danish landowners were replaced by Normans, Bretons and Flemish Lords, and, in the words of William of Malmesbury, England became ‘the residence of foreigners and the property of strangers.’

The yew tree is associated with folklore and superstition and can live to a great age. It is often planted in churchyards and is regarded as symbolizing loss and grief. The timber was traditionally used to make longbows.

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	1st Sunday	Holy Communion CW
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	3rd Sunday	Morning Prayer & Communion CW
	4th Sunday	Morning Prayer CW
	5th Sundays – Joint Parishes Service	
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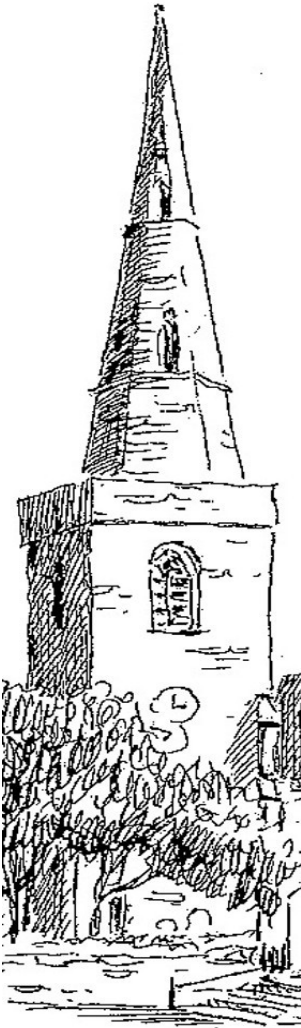
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	11.00 am	1st Sunday	Holy Communion CW
	11.00 am	2nd Sunday	Family Service CW
	11.00 am	3rd Sunday	Morning Prayer & Communion CW
	11.00 am	4th Sunday	Morning Prayer CW
	11.00 am	1st, 3rd & 4th Sundays	Junior Church
	6.00 pm	1st Sunday (not January)	Storytime
	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.

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ASTBURY ROTAS

		8.00 am	11.00 am	6.30 pm
May	7th	W. Ball	B. Cook A. Bailey	P. Snape (7.00 pm)
	14th	J. Nadin	J. Hulse G. Dale	F. Griffiths
	21st	C. Goodwin	B. Cook A. Bailey	T. Gresty
	28th	W. Ball	B. Cook G. Dale	P. Powell
June	5th	J. Nadin	B. Cook A. Bailey	P. Snape (7.00 pm)

CLEANING ROTA

April	28th	M. Follett, C. Garside
May	5th	D. Barnett, S. Stuffins
	12th	J. Moore
	19th	J. Nadin, C. Holford
June	26th	D. Cotton, S. Naden, B. Sutton
	2nd	M. Pennington, C. Brooks, K. Wainwright

BRASS ROTA

May	2nd	M. Booth, C. Goodwin, J. Nadin
	23rd	J. Goodwin, D. Hull Stewart
June	13th	C. Brooks, K. Wainwright

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Answers to Sartor's Quiz (page 10)

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

FROM THE REGISTERS

*Service Attendances*

		8.00	9.00	11.00	6.30
March	26th	11	-	51 + 12	26
April	2nd	13	2	59	8 + 9 at 6. 16 at 7
	9th	13	-	43	22
	16th	18	-	19 + 16	36 + 1
	23rd	16	-	26 + 4	28

*Gift Aid*

*Collections*

March	26th	£ 266.50	£ 346.04
April	2nd	£ 1,934.00	£ 215.59
	9th	£ 304.00	£ 367.53
	16th	£ 546.15	£ 666.97
	23rd	£ 298.30	£ 264.76

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*Burial of the Dead*

April	6th	Alice Hope	88
April	12th	Annie Clarke	96 ashes
April	13th	Edith Bagnall	90 ashes
April	13th	Philip Louie Radmall	68 ashes
April	20th	Frank Davenport	88

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**JOINT PARISHES CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEKS**

**MAY**

**Sun 7th EASTER III**

			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
		2.30pm Somerford	Evensong
		6.00pm Astbury	Story Time
		7.00pm Astbury	Compline
Mon	8th	7.30pm Astbury	PCC Standing Committee
Wed	10th	11.45am Astbury	Holy Communion in Village Hall
Thu	11th	8.00pm Astbury	Prayer Group
Sat	13th	7.00pm Legs of Man	Somerford Chapel Annual Dinner

***Joint Parishes Calendar – continued***

**MAY**

<b>Sun</b>	<b>14th</b>	<b>EASTER IV</b>	
		8.00am Astbury	Morning Prayer
		9.30am Smallwood	Family Service
		11.00am Astbury	Family Service
		6.30pm Astbury	Evensong
Wed	17th	11.45am Astbury	Holy Communion in VH
		7.30pm Astbury	Ladies' Fellowship
Fri	19th		June <i>Parish News</i> deadline
<b>Sat</b>	<b>20th</b>	<b>ASTBURY MAY DAY</b>	
		1.30pm Astbury	Crowning of the May Queen
<b>Sun</b>	<b>21st</b>	<b>EASTER V</b>	
		8.00am Astbury	Holy Communion
		9.30am Smallwood	Morning Prayer & Communion
		11.00am Astbury	Morning Prayer & Communion
		6.30pm Astbury	Evensong
Mon	22nd	7.30pm Nantwich St Mary	Archdeacon's Visitation
Wed	24th	11.45am Astbury	Holy Communion in Village Hall
<b>Thu</b>	<b>25th</b>	<b>ASCENSION DAY</b>	
		TBA	Holy Communion
Sat	27th	1.00pm Astbury	Holy Matrimony
<b>Sun</b>	<b>28th</b>	<b>THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY</b>	
			June <i>Parish News</i> published today
		8.00am Astbury	Holy Communion
		9.30am Smallwood	Morning Prayer
		11.00am Astbury	Morning Prayer
		12.noon Astbury	Church open till 6.00 pm
		6.30pm Astbury	Evensong
Mon	29th	12.noon Astbury	Church open till 6.00 pm
Wed	31st	11.45am Astbury	Holy Communion in Village Hall
		8.00pm Astbury	Bellringing Practice
<b>JUNE</b>			
Fri	2nd	3.00pm Astbury	Tea in Village Hall

***Joint Parishes Calendar – continued***

**JUNE**

<b>Sun</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>WHIT SUNDAY</b>	
		8.00am Astbury	Holy Communion
		9.00am Astbury	Morning Prayer
		9.30am Smallwood	Holy Communion
		11.00am Astbury	Holy Communion
		2.30pm Somerford	Evensong
		6.00pm Astbury	Story Time
		7.00pm Astbury	Compline
Mon	5th	7.30pm Astbury	PCC Meeting
Wed	7th	11.45am Astbury	Holy Communion in Village Hall
		7.30pm Astbury	Women's Institute
Thu	8th	8.00pm Astbury	Prayer Group
Fri	9th	3.30pm Smallwood	Holy Matrimony
Sat	10th	3.45pm Astbury	Holy Matrimony

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## **News from the School**

The School is seeking two people to join the governing body in the near future. and would like you to consider whether you could serve God in this way. Governors play a key role in ensuring that the children of our community develop both academically and spiritually within a distinctive Christian ethos. We are looking for people who are able to support the school in its understanding and development of the Christian aspects of its work and are willing to commit time and effort to supporting the educational development of the children in the school. You do not have to be an educational expert as you will be given help in developing such skills, and training is available on all aspects of school governance.

The School has a vacancy for a Midday Assistant to start as soon as possible. Hours would be 1 hour 10 minutes per day, 5 days per week, in term time only. We are seeking someone who will build positive relationships with our pupils, serve drinks and support with eating, facilitate games on the playground and create a positive lunchtime break for all pupils. The successful applicant will possess the knowledge and skills required to ensure the safety and supervision of pupils during the lunchtime period.

Astbury St Mary's Primary School is committed to safeguarding and protecting the welfare of children. The successful candidate will be subject to a satisfactory DBS disclosure.

If you are interested then please speak to Mrs Worswick or Mrs  
Cameron on 01260 272528

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