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

My dear friends,

**The butterfly effect . . . or why small things matter**

Edward Norton Lorenz was a statistician. During the 1950s he began work at the meteorology department of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He spotted the potential of early computers for performing the complex calculations required by those attempting to forecast the weather.

By modern standards, the calculations Lorenz performed in the early 60s were incredibly basic – today’s Met Office *Cray XC40* supercomputer at Bracknell in Kent is capable of running programmes nearly a trillion times faster. In 1961, Lorenz’s rudimentary mathematical models utilised just twelve variables.

One day Lorenz was distracted from his work by a coffee break. In error he typed one of his twelve numbers incorrectly. Instead of typing in 0.506127, he missed the last three digits. He just typed 0.506. When his programme was run it gave results massively different from those he expected – simply because one of his twelve numbers was out by just over one ten thousandth of a decimal point.

Lorenz didn’t recognise it straight away, but he had discovered one of the cornerstones of modern physics – chaos theory! Chaos theory suggests that in complicated systems, the tiniest and most minute changes can produce outcomes vastly different from those expected. Just over a decade later he published his findings in a paper famously entitled: *Does the flap of a butterfly’s wings in Brazil set off a tornado in Texas?*

I have thought of Lorenz's work in recent days. Texas has suffered, not at the hands of a tornado, but from the impact of Hurricane Harvey. In the face of massive disruption and large-scale destruction, some men and women just quietly got into their weekend fishing boats and began to rescue their neighbours. A couple of weeks earlier, torrential rains in Sierra Leone brought catastrophic mudslides to the capital, Freetown. With hundreds confirmed dead and many more missing, here in Astbury and Smallwood we took a Sunday collection. We raised over £1,000 to support the St George Foundation – they are now looking after seventy children made orphans by the disaster.

Perhaps a butterfly's wings created Hurricane Harvey or provoked the heavy rains in West Africa, who knows? But, if so, it is equally true that tiny actions of valour and generosity are also capable of saving lives and transforming futures in Texas and Sierra Leone too.

Our faith reminds us that small things matter: a brief moment of courage, a small act of forgiveness, a kind word at the right moment, a five pound note. In the great scheme of things we might be tempted to think that such small things cannot possibly make a difference – but we would be wrong. Small things can and do make a huge difference. Pay attention to the small things today, for they may have the power to shape someone's whole world in the days to come.

Jeff Cuttell.

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Editor – Mr W. Ball

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

All Saints' Chapel of Ease, Somerford: The last service of Evensong of the season in the chapel will be at 2.30 pm on Sunday 3rd September, with the Harvest Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 24th September, again at 2.30 pm. The date of the Christmas Carol Service has been

changed to Sunday 17th December, when the Rt Rev Libby Lane, Suffragan Bishop of Stockport will attend.

We have held our second draw for the Somerford Lottery, and the winners are as follows: 1st, Alan Wilson; 2nd, Frank Bailey; 3rd, John Hood; 4th, Ian Pennington – all men winners this time!

Margaret Pennington

Astbury Harvest Supper: The Harvest Supper will take place this year in Astbury Village Hall at 7.00 pm on Friday 13th October. There will be a meat & potato pie followed by lots of choice of puddings and cheese, all for £12.50 per head. Space is limited, so please book early if you can come, by telephoning Brenda (churchwarden) on 01260 289084.

Thanks to the wonderful generosity of St Mary's church family, the special collection on Sunday 27th August raised a magnificent £1,037.19 for St George Foundation, caring for children in Freetown, Sierra Leone who have been orphaned following the mudslide and flooding disaster.

Philip Dean, who heads the Foundation, is extremely grateful for this support at a time when their funds are fully stretched. They are currently caring for over 70 children since the mountain collapsed and have also taken in three pregnant ladies to shelter them from the dangers of infection in the immediate disaster site. In recognition of this response to the emergency and their need for extra funding to cope with the additional numbers of children, St George Foundation have been promised a measure of funding from the local government in Sierra Leone and from a Catholic Mission in the area. However, Philip understands that this may not be forthcoming for up to six months owing to procedural red tape . . . and meanwhile the children need food and clothing now. Hence the welcome nature of this gift of funds at a difficult time.

Thank you to all who contributed - please know just how much your gift is appreciated.

Astbury Ladies' Fellowship: Our Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 23rd September in Congleton Library between 9.30 am and 12 noon. If you would like anything taking down please bring it to the meeting on Wednesday 20th September at 7.30 pm, particularly for the Tombola, then Hazel and Cynthia can sort it beforehand. Janet is doing a Flower Arranging demonstration at the meeting, which should add an extra interest. If you could donate a raffle prize please let me know (01260 274190).

Our speaker on the 20th will be Mr Ian Doughty of Congleton Museum, who will talk about Congleton – ‘A Town of Surprises.’ There is a new exhibition in the museum displaying and explaining Congleton’s historic charters which is well worth a visit. I have to tell you that our Hon. President, Dorothy Holliday, after a short stay in hospital, is now residing in Astbury Mere Care Home, and would love to see you if you are able to visit.

Carole Goodwin

Astbury Women's Institute: Margaret Pearson opened the July meeting and we sang *Jerusalem* accompanied by Margaret Hollinshead, and the singing went through the roof and was probably heard in the rafters! It's so good to be singing with the piano – everyone loves it!

Norma Tweats gave the Flowers for the President's Table which were beautiful pink roses. Birthday Buttonholes for July and August were handed out to Sheelagh Steele, Pat Briggs, Margaret Hollinshead, Margaret McLeavy, Shirley Naden, Mary Booth and Shirley Scott one August Birthday Lady was Christine Brooks who also received hers on the night.

Our speaker for our July Meeting was Denise Woodward who is a Divorce Lawyer and came to talk to us on ‘Sex Lies and the 9 – 5’, and not ‘Sex Lies when you're 95’! Everyone was in stitches right from the very start. Denise works for SAS Daniels at the Chester Branch. She took us through her life story about how she became a Divorce Lawyer and walked through her own family life and diary of events. She went through some facts about getting divorced . . . there's no age limit and she's seen people who have been married for 40 years and aged 80 upwards go through divorcing. Lawyers do care

about their clients and really are acting as mediators these days. We talked about celebrity break-ups as they play their split in the eyes of everyone, being in the press and TV, but no one really knows what goes on behind closed doors. Assets have to be divided and that's when things start to get messy and couples argue.

In the past some people engaged private investigators to find out if their loved ones were cheating. We talked about cohabitees the so-called Common Law wife and the fact that they have no rights or the right to claim as they are not married. Pre-Nuptial Agreements were talked about but again are not legal in the UK – not yet anyway.

The best thing is to try and mediate and sort things out between divorcing couples especially when there are children involved. Second marriages were then brought up and the fairness of making Wills were changed and what you should do to safeguard your loved ones. Denise gave a very interesting talk and got everyone asking questions especially about grandparents and what rights they have. It sparked off debates about custody of children and how the courts see things.

A new darts team has been formed and the following people will be playing darts in the WI County Darts Competition: Kate Burrow, Anita Thompson, Sandra Collins, Shirley Scott and Kath Wainwright.. Entries will be divided into areas and within each area a knock-out competition will take place to decide which 12 Teams go forward to the Finals evening at Lostock Social Club, Works Lane, Lostock Gralam, Northwich on Tuesday 13th March 2018. The first round will be played in October or November 2017.

The Coffey Morning and Bring & Buy Sale at Congleton Library proved to be a huge success. Cakes were baked along with Cup Cakes and Raffles and Bottlebola went with a swing. Everyone had a great time both helping and buying. Old friends turned up for a chat over a cuppa and cake and the atmosphere was electric. There were several stalls selling plants, cakes, books, CDs and a White Elephant stall too.

Our Next Meeting is on Wednesday 6th September and the Speaker will be Ruth Roberts from Mayflower Bloom on Flower Arranging. May I remind members that they should bring a bunch of flowers and a suitable container. The Competition is a Flower Arrangement in a tea cup. There will also be a Bring and Buy Sales Table.

We welcome all old and new members if anyone would like to attend, please come along to Astbury Village Hall at 7.30 pm on 6th September and we look forward to meeting you there. It promises to be a great evening where you can mix and mingle with new friends in a convivial atmosphere. Alternatively you can contact Kate Burrow on 07769 988337.

Kate Burrow

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Sartor's Quiz (Answers on page 16)

1. Which is 'The City of Dreaming Spires'? a. Cambridge; b. Durham; c. London; d. Oxford.
2. Who was the lady that led Dante in Paradise in his *Divine Comedy*? a. Laura; b. Héloïse; c. Beatrice; d. Juliet.
3. According to *A Short History of Astbury Church*, how many new parishes have been created in the area since St Mary's was the original large parish? a. 4; b. 6; c. 8; d. 10.
4. What is the sixth commandment of the Decalogue concerned with? a. Adultery; b. Stealing; c. Murder; d. False Witness.
5. How many of the Ten Commandments deal with obligations to other people? a. 7; b. 6; c. 5; d. 4.
6. At the end of his great letter to the Romans, Paul lists a variety of people, with Hebrew, Greek and Latin names, to whom he extends greetings. How many altogether? a. 20; b. 24; c. 28; d. 32.
7. Where did Paul want to go on to when he had visited Rome? a. England; b. France; c. Germany; d. Spain.
8. In which field is the scholar Richard Dawkins a distinguished expert? a. Biology; b. Chemistry; c. Physics; d. Religion.
9. Which one of these was not one of Capt James Cook's ships? a. Endeavour; b. Resolution; c. Discovery; d. Endurance.

10. Little Miss Muffet's father was an Elizabethan proto-entomologist. What was his name? a. Thomas; b. Peter; c. James; d. John.

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### WORDS OF WIT & WISDOM

Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. That is what God has called you to do, and he will grant you his blessing. 1 Peter 3, 9

Never in the field of human conflict has so much been owed by so many to so few.

Words first spoken by Winston Churchill to his Chief of Staff, General Ismay, in the car, as they left the RAF's Uxbridge headquarters for Chequers, following a visit at the height of the Battle of Britain on 18th August 1940

Teenagers, are tired of being harassed by your stupid parents? Act now. Move out, get a job, and pay your own bills – while you still know everything. John Hinde

Would you live with ease?  
Do what you ought and not what you please. Benjamin Franklin

Dans la nuit la plus noire, c'est toi, Seigneur, qui allume le feu qui ne s'éteint jamais.  
In the darkest night you, O Lord, kindle the fire that never dies away. Taizé Community chant

When we shall see him,  
We shall be like him,  
Clothed in righteousness,  
Without a trace of sin.  
Based on 1 John 3, 2 and Joni Eareckson Tada in UCB Word for Today,  
Wednesday 1st February 2017



A man convinced against his will,  
Is of the same opinion still.  
The trivial round, the common task,  
Will furnish all we ought to ask;  
Room to deny ourselves, a road  
To bring us daily nearer God.

Old adage

John Keble (1792-1866)

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#### FOUR FASCINATING FACTS

In the early Church a Stylite lived on the top of a pillar. The pillars varied in height and the platforms at the top were generally provided with a parapet against which the Stylite would lean for sleep. Food was usually provided by disciples or admirers. There are many examples of such ascetics from the 5th to the 10th centuries, and a few to modern times.

St Simeon Stylites (c390-459) was the first of the Stylites or pillar ascetics. After some time as a monk, he spent several years as a hermit in northern Syria and then mounted a pillar, at first low but gradually increased to a height of about 20 metres; he lived on top of it until his death. This form of austerity attracted pilgrims and was widely imitated.

In all, 2,353 British and 574 pilots from overseas flew in the Battle of Britain; of these, 544 were killed in the battle itself, and a further 791 were to die in action before the war ended with Japan's surrender in August 1945.

Jonathan Glancey, *Spitfire, The Biography*, p74

The Battle of Britain was officially fought from 10th July until 31st October 1940. The RAF flew nineteen Spitfire and twenty five Hurricane squadrons. On any particular day Fighter Command could field approximately six hundred Spitfires and Hurricanes. Between 10th July and 31st October 352 Spitfires were lost, and 565 Hurricanes.

Ibid, p75

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	2nd Sunday	Family Service CW
	3rd Sunday	Morning Prayer & Communion CW
	4th Sunday	Morning Prayer CW
	5th Sundays – Joint Parishes Service	
VILLAGE HALL	Mrs A. Bracegirdle.	01477 500342

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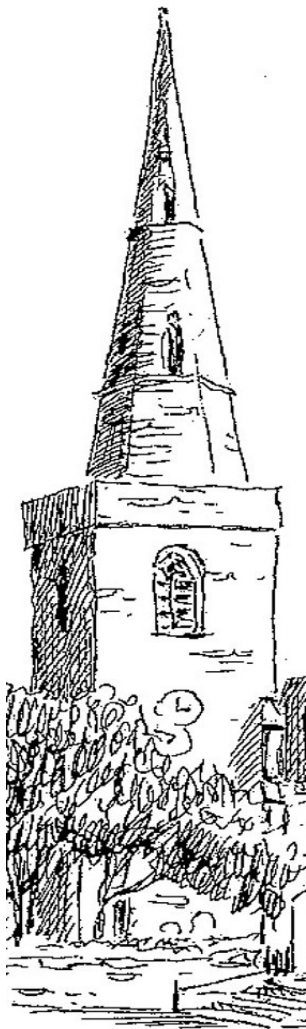
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	9.00 am	1st Sunday	Morning Prayer BCP
	11.00 am	1st Sunday	Holy Communion CW
	11.00 am	2nd Sunday	Family Service CW
	11.00 am	3rd Sunday	Morning Prayer & Communion CW
	11.00 am	4th Sunday	Morning Prayer CW
	11.00 am	1st, 3rd & 4th Sundays	Junior Church
	6.00 pm	1st Sunday (not January)	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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Astbury Church choir meets to practise every Friday evening  
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
August	27th	W. Ball	B. Cook G. Dale	P. Powell
September	3rd	J. Nadin	B. Cook A. Bailey	P. Snape (7.00 pm)
	10th	W. Ball	B. Cook G. Dale	F. Griffiths
	17th	C. Goodwin	B. Cook A. Bailey	T. Gresty
	24th	W. Ball	B. Cook G. Dale	P. Powell
October	1st	J. Nadin	B. Cook A. Bailey	P. Snape (7.00 pm)

CLEANING ROTA

September	1st	M. Follett, C. Garside
	8th	D. Barnett, S. Stuffins
	15th	J. Moore
	22nd	J. Nadin, P. Nadin, C Holford
	29th	D. Cotton, S. Naden, B. Sutton
October	6th	M. Pennington, C. Brooks, K. Wainwright

BRASS ROTA

September	5th	M. Booth, C. Goodwin, J. Nadin
	26th	J. Goodwin, D. Hull Stewart
October	17th	C. Brooks, K. Wainwright

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Answers to Sartor's Quiz (page 7)

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



FROM THE REGISTERS

*Service Attendances*

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July	30th			67 ad + 14 ch	
		8.00	9.00	11.00	6.30
August	6th	15	4	26	9 + 7 at 6 14 + 1 at 7
	13th	9	-	30 + 3	22
	20th	12	-	36 + 2	26

*Gift Aid*

*Collections*

July	30th	£ 162.00	£ 76.50
August	6th	£ 1,678.50	£ 480.46
	13th	£ 409.02	£ 184.48
	20th	£ 243.00	£ 398.85

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*Holy Matrimony*

April	15th	Andrew John Sutton & Caroline Mary Leech
April	22nd	Matthew Gareth Cooper & Charlotte Ann Boon
April	29th	Rory Knowles & Hayley Shackley
May	27th	Oliver Benjamin Ridings & Joanna Louise Mape
June	10th	Shaun Christopher Prince & Rachel Louise Wood
June	26th	Jordan Li-Smith & Jodie Ann Bailey
July	1st	Tudor Lloyd Roberts & Karen Elizabeth Walker
July	7th	Ian Beech & Melanie Alpha Adams
July	7th	Martin Andrew Perry & Louise Nicole Burcham
July	8th	Adam Michael Rowe & Rebecca Salt
July	15th	James Thomas Donald Bailey & Catherine Ann Pollard
July	22nd	Abasieno Akan Udi & Emma Mary Woodward
July	22nd	Joseph James Kanauros & Rebecca Alice Lawton
July	22nd	Thomas David Everill & Lauren Amy Banks
August	4th	Mark Ian Wood & Rebecca Ann Billings
August	5th	Jamie Clifford Thomson & Danielle Louise Fielding
August	11th	Ben Sheard & Linda Gross
August	12th	Daniel Robert Goodwin & Julia Catherine Bedford
August	16th	Gary John Lowe & Anna Helen Catern Bracegirle

*Burial of the Dead*

August	22nd	Enid Cockitt	86 ashes
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**JOINT PARISHES CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEKS**

**AUGUST**

**Sun 27th TRINITY XI**

		8.00am Astbury	September <i>Parish News</i> published today
		9.30am Smallwood	Holy Communion
		11.00am Astbury	Morning Prayer
		12.noon Astbury	Morning Prayer
		6.30pm Astbury	Church open until 6.00 pm
Mon	28th	12.noon Astbury	Evensong
Wed	30th	8.00pm Astbury	Church open until 6.00 pm
			Bellringers' Practice

**SEPTEMBER**

Fri	1st	1.00pm Astbury	Holy Matrimony
		3.00pm Astbury	Tea in the Village Hall
Sat	2nd	2.00pm Somerford	Holy Matrimony

**Sun 3rd TRINITY XII**

		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
Wed	6th	11.45am Astbury	<b>NO Holy Communion in Village Hall</b>
		2.45pm Astbury	New School Term Service
		7.30pm Astbury	Women's Institute
Thu	7th	2.30pm Sandbach	Deanery Synod Standing Committee

**Sun 10th TRINITY XIII**

		8.00am Astbury	Holy Communion
		9.30am Smallwood	Family Service
		11.00am Astbury	Family Service
		6.30pm Astbury	Sung Eucharist
Wed	13th	11.45am Astbury	Holy Communion in VH
Thu	14th	8.00pm Astbury	Prayer Group
Fri	15th		October <i>Parish News</i> deadline

***Joint Parishes Calendar, continued***

**SEPTEMBER**

<b>Sun</b>	<b>17th</b>	<b>TRINITY XIV</b>	
		8.00am Astbury	Morning Prayer
		9.30am Smallwood	Morning Prayer
		11.00am Astbury	Songs of Praise
		6.30pm Astbury	Songs of Praise
Wed	20th	11.45am Astbury	Holy Communion in VH
		7.30pm Astbury	Ladies' Fellowship
Sat	23rd	9.30am Congleton Lib	Ladies' Fellowship Coffee Morning

**Sun 24th TRINITY XV**

			October <i>Parish News</i> published today
		8.00am Astbury	Holy Communion
		9.30am Smallwood	Morning Prayer
		11.00am Astbury	Morning Prayer
		2.30pm Somerford	Harvest Thanksgiving
		6.30pm Astbury	Evensong
Mon	25th	7.30pm Astbury	PCC Meeting
Wed	27th	11.45am Astbury	Holy Communion in VH
		8.00pm Astbury	Bellringers' Practice
Thu	28th	8.00pm Astbury	Prayer Group
Sat	30th	1.00pm Astbury	Holy Matrimony

**OCTOBER**

<b>Sun</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>TRINITY XVI</b>	
		8.00am Astbury	Holy Communion
		9.00am Astbury	Morning Prayer
		9.30am Smallwood	Holy Communion
		11.00am Astbury	Holy Communion
		6.00pm Astbury	Story Time
		7.00pm Astbury	Compline
Wed	4th	11.45am Astbury	Holy Communion in Village Hall
		7.30pm Astbury	Women's Institute
Fri	6th	3.00pm Astbury	Tea in the Village Hall

**Sun 8th HARVEST THANKSGIVING – TRINITY XVII**

	8.00am Astbury	Holy Communion
	9.30am Smallwood	Family Service
	11.00am Astbury	Harvest Thanksgiving
	6.30pm Astbury	Choral Evensong

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