



A stonemason, when asked to inscribe on a tombstone the epitaph "LORD, SHE WERE THINE." unfortunately left out the 'e' of thine. When told of his error' he promised to rectify it - with the result .

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"E, LORD, SHE WERE THIN."

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When Adam and Eve were dispossessed
of a garden, hard by heaven,
They planted another one down in the West,
In Devon, glorious Devon.



And finally, if you have anything you wish to be included in the next issue. please let the editors know. They would welcome particularly items about Aisholt Church as it was in days gone by.



Perhaps you remember the organ being near the chancel rather than at the back of the church; and the lighting being by gaslight. Diocesan permission to install electric lighting was granted in 1964.

If you live away from the Parish but would like to receive future editions by post, please let the editors know.

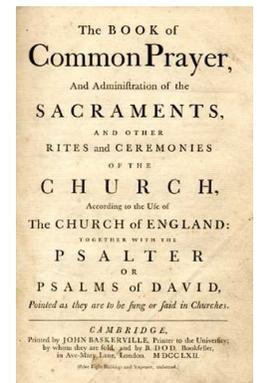


THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, AISHOLT

APRIL 2016

Being a new venture, this is the first - (we hope not the last) - edition of this Parish magazine. We trust it will make interesting and informative reading to all who live in the Parish of Aisholt. There has been a church of one sort or another on this site for at least a thousand years, so whether you are a regular, occasional or hardly- ever worshipper, it is your Church; something to be treasured.

Parishioners at Aisholt treasure the liturgy of the 1662 Book of Common Prayer and are dedicated to keeping it alive. Having evolved during that tumultuous period when official religion swung from one extreme to the other, it was Cranmer's genius to devise a liturgy which, to some extent, satisfied both factions of the Church.





The Church at West Bagborough is dedicated to St. Pancras - the only one dedicated to that particular saint in the whole of Somerset.

St. Pancras, was martyred at the early age of fourteen, which may explain why he is regarded as the patron saint of children.

What is remarkable about this charming church set on the edge of the Quantock Hills is the number of statues found within - not usual in an Anglican Church. One is of the infant Jesus in his Mother's arms,

The Church of St. Pancras reminds us of the strength of the Anglican Church in its broadness. "In my Father's house are many mansions:"

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The collection, taken at the Carol Service this year, was sent to the local Hospice.

The collection at the Service of Remembrance in November was sent to Médecin sans frontières.

Our Church also supports an Orphanage in the Lebanon.

APRIL SERVICES

Sunday 3rd	Holy Communion	Rev'd. Peter Williams .
Sunday 10th	Evensong [6.30 p.m.]	Rev'd. Chloe Kingdon
Sunday 17th	Matins	Rev'd. Chloe Kingdon.
Sunday 24th	Matins	To be announced

All Services begin at 11 a.m. [apart from April 10th.]
Be assured, of a warm welcome .



This is the pillar near Aleppo in Syria on which St. Simon Stylites is said to have lived for 37 years. The son of a shepherd, he became a monk at the age of sixteen, but was expelled from the monastery as the austerity he imposed upon himself was considered to be

over-severe. He retired to a small hut where, it is said, he went without food or water during the whole of Lent, emulating Our Lord's fasting for 40 days in the Judaeian desert.

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At Aisholt we sing the Te Deum at Matins once a month. It is an early Christian hymn of praise, traditionally ascribed to Saint Ambrose, but recently its authorship is thought to be that of a fourth century bishop - Bishop Nicetas.

**"WE PRAISE THEE, O GOD:
WE ACKNOWLEDGE THEE TO BE
THE LORD.
ALL THE EARTH DOTH WORSHIP THEE
THE FATHER EVERLASTING".**



The four evangelists are represented as four creatures with wings - Matthew as a man or angel, Mark as a lion, Luke as an ox or bull, and John as an eagle. This one of Mark used to be part of the stonework behind the altar before being replaced by wooden panels c. 1965 The photo over the page shows the reredos as it used to be.