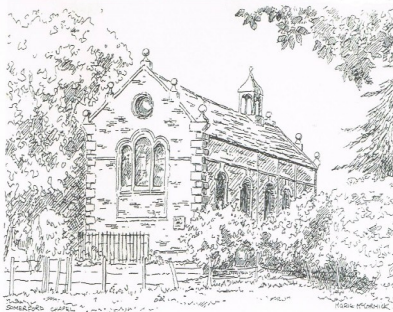
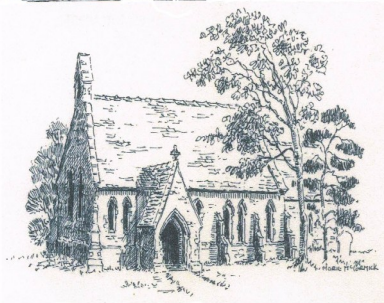
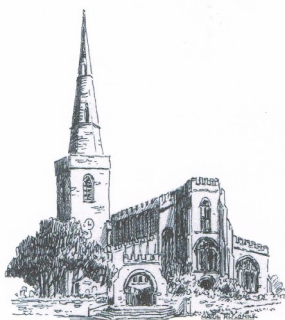


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Dear friends,

I have had children in the school system for the past 14 years, and September always feels like the start of a new year. All those things that need to be done before returning to school, checking if the uniform still fits, asking, ‘Do you need new school shoes?’, ‘Have you got all the stationery required? fill the days from mid-August until September and the countdown to the start of term. 1st January may mark the turning of the year, but the first week in September marks a new beginning.

This year Becky begins her last year of compulsory education and, alongside her friends, is visiting universities, filling in the UCAS application form, completing coursework and preparing to sit A-levels next summer. Katie is starting in year 9 when GCSE options need to be chosen. 2026 will be a year of great change in the Morris household.

This September also marks a new beginning in the life of our churches. Heather and Denise have now been in our parishes for nearly six months and have settled in. To mark this, as a ministry team, we have decided to make some changes to the services and the service patterns and Heather wrote about the reasons for these changes in last month’s magazine.

We are also starting, as a benefice, to think about stewardship and how we respond to the needs of the church and the world. It is easy just to be consumers, coming to church on a Sunday; it’s a habit, something we have always done. This is not enough; our faith should be a living, breathing thing that is expressed every day. There are many ways to do this, through prayer and reading the Bible, or maybe being part of a Bible study or house group. For those of you who have a

smartphone there are some very good daily apps which provide a Bible passage and a reflection and prayer linked to the theme, such as the Church of England's 'Everyday Faith' app.

Alongside our prayer life, we need to consider how we support the life and work of the church. Old Testament Jews were required to tithe to the temple and the expectation was that they would give 10% of their earnings to the work of the temple. The first example of this is given in Genesis chapter 14:

“And Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was a priest of God the Most High. He blessed him and said, “blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High who has delivered your enemies into your hands!” And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.’

The instruction to the Israelites on supporting the temple in its work is given in Numbers chapter 18, verse 21:

‘To the Levites I have given every tithe in Israel for a possession in return for the service that they perform, the service in the tent of meeting.’

There are also instructions on supporting the poor in Deuteronomy chapter 14, verses 28 and 29. However, it's not all doom and gloom, you can enjoy yourself and have a good time; in fact the Israelites were required to set money aside for this very purpose. This was known as the tithe of the feast and can be found in Deuteronomy chapter 14, verses 22 to 27.

What is the relevance of this for us today? I thought I'd do a bit of research, so I headed to Google to see what I could find out. According to the AI generator the average wage in the UK is approximately £37,000 a year. 10% of that divided by 52 weeks of the year equals approximately £71.10 per week! We're not asking or expecting everyone to be able to give this amount, but when did you last review your giving? We know and understand that this figure is unreachable for many, but there are two other Ts associated with tithing, and those are Time and Talents.

So maybe you could spare some Time, to join the cleaning rota, or to help with YAS club on a Sunday afternoon or Toddler Group on a Wednesday morning. Maybe you could go into school to listen to some readers or help with making tea or coffee after the service on a Sunday.

Maybe you have a Talent you could share: can you play an instrument or help with the mending by sewing a kneeler or mending a banner, reading a lesson or leading our intercessions? Maybe you're handy with a screwdriver and could do some little maintenance jobs? Any one of these things on their own may seem like a very large task, but spread across our congregations the load would become light.

As we look to secure the future of our buildings as living, breathing worship spaces, serving the communities in which they sit, consider the very well-known parable in Luke chapter 12, verses 13 – 21.

What strikes you about this story? Catherine Williams, author of *The Preachers Companion* challenges us:

Did you notice the man's self-centredness? He firmly believes that all he has belongs to him. He says: my crops, my barns, my grain, my goods, myself. The truth is that everything we have comes from God and is given to us to steward in a responsible and Christ-like way. The one who puts God first would have given away the surplus harvest to the widow, the orphan and the stranger as the Mosaic law required. He would also have given his tithe to the Temple as God required. The man in the story kept it all for himself – for a rainy day, for his old age.

For Jesus, this man is a fool, since 'where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.' If we do not seek the Kingdom of God first then we are as good as dead, Jesus says. It is a warning – greed can sneak up on us and become part of our lifestyle.

As we begin our 'New Year' it is a good time to do some Christian stocktaking. What will you find lurking in the back of the cupboard, maybe some Tithe, Time or Talent you can share.

Rev'd Steph

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The Sunday services at Somerford Chapel continue with Evensong on the first Sunday of each month (7th September). The Harvest Thanksgiving service will be on 28th September. Do put these dates in your diary, and we look forward to welcoming you to the Chapel.

The Chapel celebrated its 300th birthday on 9th August with a special concert by Macclesfield Male Voice Choir. They were excellent and performed a wide variety of songs to suit all tastes. They were ably supported by a brilliant soprano, Hayley Swanton. There were almost 100 people in the audience and the concert raised over £1,200 for the Motor Neurone Disease Association for research.

We have had our three Summer concerts at the church, and all have been enjoyable and successful. Our thanks go to Congleton Community Choir, with their M.D. Tom Newall; Liz Cuttell with Troublesome Reeds; and Archie Halward for all the work they put in to entertain and raise money for the church. After three splendidly diverse concerts, Rachel tells me that we made £1,054.

The concerts are worthwhile in many ways as, as well as generating such a hefty amount, they are greatly appreciated. The last was a recital by Archie Halwood, accompanied by his Mum, Esther. If Archie is kind enough to sing again next Summer, try not to miss it. You will be able to say, 'I heard him here first.' He's sure to have a professional career.

These concerts wouldn't take place without your help. So many folks made cakes, served tea or washed up! A BIG thank you to you all. Good news – There will be a concert by the Little Moreton Singers at Biddulph Old Hall on Sunday 7th December at 4.00 pm. I will be selling tickets from September.

Jane Sharman

Play the Organ Year 2025: The Royal College of Organists hopes everyone who has always wanted to play a church organ will have an

opportunity this year. So we are having a second ‘Come and Try the Organ’ session on Saturday morning, 20th September, for those who have played the piano at least a bit, or for those who have no experience at all but have always wanted to have a go. Please contact Sally Drage: at church, on 07977 903561, or [music@astburychurch.org.uk](mailto:music@astburychurch.org.uk).

Come and Sing Evensong: As part of the Heritage Open Days we are having a ‘Come and Sing’ Evensong on Sunday 14th September at 6.30 pm. If you would like to sing, the rehearsal is from 2.00 to 5.00 pm. All voices are welcome and parts will be taught on the day, but the music and listening files can be sent out in advance, and we will also be practising on two Friday evenings, 5th and 12th September, from 7.00 to 8.00 pm. The music will include an anthem by Orlando Gibbons and a *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis* by George Dyson – who, incidentally, also wrote a book on hand grenades. For more details, please contact Sally Drage, as above.

Heritage Open Days – help please: This year the theme is architecture – of which we have plenty! It is a great opportunity for people to visit our amazing church and it goes towards the total of the 100 days we need to be open in a year before we can apply for grants towards repairs.

We will be open from Friday 12th September to Sunday 21st September between 1.00 and 4.00 pm, and we will need at least two welcomers on duty every day. So, if you could help for an hour or two, or even a full session, please contact Sally Drage, as above.

Astbury Ladies’ Fellowship: Please note that our September and October speakers have changed round, so on Wednesday 17th September our speaker will be Rev Anne Freestone with some ‘Thoughts and Recollections’, and on 15th October Peter Aston will tell us about ‘The Old Saw Mill – Chapter 2’. There will be a Super Sales Table at the September Meeting. I hope you have all had a good summer break and I look forward to seeing you on 17th September.

Best wishes to you all.

Carole

Astbury Women's Institute: Astbury WI members and guests enjoyed a really interesting Archive Meeting on Wednesday 6th August. This meeting was part of our celebration of 85 years of WI in Astbury.

Our thanks must go to the whole committee, from Linda Brayford whose initial suggestion this meeting was, to everyone on the committee who played their part in the evening as a whole. Special thanks to Rhoda and Christine, who helped me with the research. To say that we enjoyed it would be an understatement! Special thanks to Annette who offered to prepare the delicious buffet which we all enjoyed at the beginning of the evening. Thanks also those who helped in the afternoon with the preparation and the serving and to the army of willing washers up who ensured the evening ran smoothly. Thanks also to Gwen, Rhoda and Catherine who helped me with the final display, to Kate and Carole for bringing along some fabulous artefacts which greatly enhanced our display.

A personal thank you goes to Norma, without whose knowledge I could not have compiled the photo book of Presidents. If I have missed anyone off this list, I sincerely apologise, for without you all I could not have done it.

We welcomed guests from neighbouring institutes at Holmes Chapel, Lower Withington and Over Alderley, and also Ann Beckett representing CFWI.

The meeting began with our traditional rendition of *Jerusalem* before we sat down to enjoy the buffet and plenty of chat and laughter. This was followed by a quick run through of the business. This included the usual thank yous to Dotty Kallis for the pretty plant for the President's table and to Cath Cunliffe for the birthday buttonholes. Liz shared recent correspondence, which included a thank you from Norma Tweats for all the kindness and expressions of sympathy she had received from fellow members since the death of her husband Sid.

Catherine Pedley reminded us all of the future Dane Valley events. The next event will be the Bowling Fun Day in September followed by the Autumn Group Meeting in October when the Speaker from 'The 'History Wardrobe' will talk about Mary Quant and the competition will be entitled, 'The Swinging Sixties.'

Members were reminded of our intention to hold a First Aid course in the Autumn as our response to the current NFWI resolution ‘Bystanders can be lifesavers.’ Members were also reminded that our Summer Meal would be held at The Legs of Man on Friday 15th August at 6.30 pm. Finally, in my role as President, I gave members a quick introduction to our archives. I told everyone how proud I was to be wearing the President’s badge (one of our artefacts) and about the pleasure my research had given me.

I gave a quick history of our beginnings in 1940 commenting on how quickly Astbury WI was part of all the national initiatives which World War II made necessary throughout the entire country. Members then enjoyed browsing through the artefacts on display, snaring memories of their time at Astbury. It was generally agreed that they would have liked more time to peruse all the information in the display. It was wonderful to see how much our visitors also enjoyed the evening.

Ann Beckett thanked us on behalf of all the guests for the work we had put in to create such a brilliant evening. She also judged our competition for a personal souvenir of WI. This was won by Carol Steer with Maureen Steele second.

Our next meeting will be on 3rd September. The speakers will be The Inn-Ringers and Rowena Dawson. The competition will be for ‘A bell in any medium.’

New members are always welcome. For further details please do not hesitate to contact either myself, Margaret, or secretary, Liz. Phone Margaret on 07581 095418, or Liz on 07766 738004, or Kate on 07875 691170. You can also message us through our Astbury WI Facebook page.

Margaret Pearson (President)

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***Scenes from the Celebrations***



***Carol, Lorna, Annette Kanouros, a guest and Liz queue to be served by Linda***

***Scenes from the Celebrations***



***Esme Better***



Sartor's Quiz (Answers on page 18)

1. When does the Church Year begin? a. The First Sunday of Advent; b. New Year's Day; c. Ash Wednesday; d. Easter Day.
2. On which day is All Saints' Day celebrated? a. 6th January; b. 23rd April; c. 31st October; d. 1st November.
3. Which humanitarian organization was founded by Henry Dunant? a. Amnesty International; b. Oxfam; c. Red Cross; d. Samaritans.
4. What name was given to Esau after he sold his birthright to his twin brother Jacob? a. Edom; b. Eber; c. Elam; d. Enoch.
5. Which king of Judah had a long tunnel cut through solids rock to bring water from a spring outside the city walls to a reservoir inside the walls to enable Jerusalem to withstand the Babylonian siege? a. Uzziah; b. Hezekiah; c. Mannasseh; d. Zedekiah.
6. Which gospel records the revival of the son of a widow at Nain? a. Matthew; b. Mark; c. Luke; d. John.
7. In which Greco-Roman city of Asia Minor, where Paul established a church, was John's gospel was traditionally said to have been written? a. Pisidian Antioch; b. Iconium; c. Lystra; d. Ephesus.
8. In what year was the Boy Scout movement founded? a. 1902; b. 1904; c. 1906; d. 1908.
9. What is the name of the poet, famous for his ballads of life in the Gold Rush years of the Yukon, who wrote *The Shooting of Dan McGrew*? a. Robert Frost; b. C. P. Snow; c. Robert Service; d. S. Chemo.
10. From which proud Lancashire town did he originate? a. Bolton; b. Preston; c. Wigan; d. St Helens.

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## WORDS OF WIT & WISDOM

O praise ye the Lord!  
All things that give sound;  
each jubilant chird re-echo around;  
loud organs his glory  
forth tell in deep tone,  
and, sweet harp, the story  
pf what he hath done.

Henry Williams Baker, 1821-1877

Grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger.  
BCP, Morning Prayer: The Third Collect, for Grace

There's a lot of sanity in doing small chores, and this is even more important in stress times, when we have to go easy with people around us, especially our spouses and partners.

Rabbi Lionel Blue, *The Godseeker's Guide*, p58

I realised with surprise that jokes are humble wonders which help you cope with life's problems; like getting yourself out of bed and giving you courage to repair this muddled world, which is the purpose of our life on earth.  
*ibid*, p52

Down yonder green valley where streamlets meander,  
When twilight is fading I pensively rove;  
Or at the bright moontide in solitude,  
Amid the dark shades of the lonely Ash Grove.

Still glows the bright sunshine o'er valley and mountain,  
Still warbles the blackbird its note from the tree;  
Still trembles the moonbeam on streamlet and fountain,  
But what are the beauties of Nature to me?

Thomas Oliphant, *The Ash Grove*

Mayors are born free, but everywhere they are in chains.

D. B. Wyndham-Lewis

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
Bears all its sons away,  
They fly forgotten, as a dream,  
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,  
And our eternal home.

Isaac Watts

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## FASCINATING FACTS

‘When we were little,’ the Mock Turtle went on, ‘we went to school in the sea. The master was an old Turtle – we used to call him Tortoise – because he taught us. I took the regular course: Reeling and Writhing, and the different branches of Arithmetic – Ambition, Distraction, Uglification, and Derision. Then there was Mystery, ancient and modern, with Seaography; then Drawling – the Drawling-master was an old conger-eel: he taught us drawling, Stretching and Fainting on Coils. The Classical master was an old crab who taught Laughing and Grief.’ ‘And how many hours a day did you do lessons?’ said Alice. ‘Ten hours the first day,’ said the Mock Turtle, ‘nine the next, and so on. That’s the reason they’re called lessons, because they lessen from day to day.’

From Lewis Carroll, *Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland*

He is funny; he makes you smile.

He's so punningly versatile.

'There has never to my knowledge, and I have lived in or near Oxford for much of my life, been a more famous or prominent figure as an undergraduate.'

Lord Longford, speaking of Sir Harold Acton.

'I believe very much in colour, so when I went up to Oxford after the First World War, everything seemed very drab. One had to revolt against that and bring a little colour into the scene with bright shirts, bright waistcoats and so forth. One could express oneself in beautiful clothes.'

Sir Harold's turn of phrase has been much mimicked: 'Real G-g-green Chartreuse, made before the expulsion of the monks. There are five distinct tastes as it trickles over the tongue. It is like swallowing a sp-spectrum.' But few of the subsequent Anthony Blanches have shared his intellectual acumen, which I realised, as he recalled an episode later adapted by Evelyn Waugh, is the core of his flamboyance. 'One of my early books, *Aquarium*, had been published in my first term, and I used to recite the poems, at public meetings. One was full of oneself; one thought oneself a genius. I think all young people should think themselves geniuses.'

Sir Harold Acton interviewed in Florence by Edward Whitley  
for his book *The Graduates*

About his much-loved pram, Osbert Lancaster wrote, 'The motion is agreeable, the range of vision extensive and one has always before one's eyes the rewarding spectacle of a grown-up maintaining prolonged physical exercise.' Only the gondola, he said, can compare with the pram for pleasure.

Richard Boston, *Osbert*, p31



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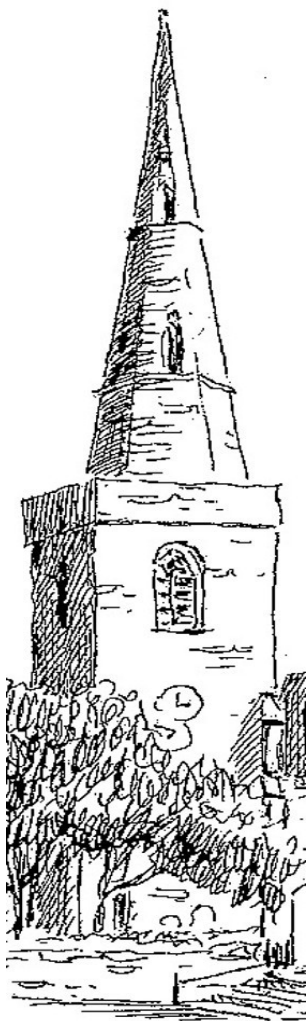
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	11.00 am	1st & 3rd Sundays	Morning Praise CW
	11.00 am	2nd & 4th Sundays	Holy Communion CW
	11.00 am	5th Sunday	Benefice Service
	6.30 pm	1st & 3rd Sundays	Compline
	6.30 pm	2nd & 4th Sundays	Evensong BCP
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between 7.00 and 8.00 pm.

Astbury Church bellringers meet to practise every Wednesday evening  
between 7.30 and 9.30 pm.

ASTBURY ROTAS for CLEANING & BRASS – *currently suspended*

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ASTBURY ROTAS

		8.00 am	11.00 am	6.30 pm
August	31st	Bill Ball	TBA	-----
September	7th	Jean Nadin	Brenda Cook	Peter Snape
	14th	Bill Ball	Carole Goodwin	Peter Snape
	21st	Jean Nadin	Sally Shaw	Peter Snape
	28th	Bill Ball	Andrew Bailey	Peter Snape
October	5th	Jean Nadin	TBA	Peter Snape

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Answers to Sartor's Quiz this month (page 11)

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

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FROM THE REGISTERS

*Holy Matrimony*

July	26th	Nichola Jane Kelly & Matthew John Connor
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*Burial of the Dead*

July	15th	Sandra Beresford	75
August	18th	Jean Booth	93

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## JOINT PARISHES CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEKS

### AUGUST

**Sun 31st TRINITY XI**

8.00 am Astbury  
2.30 pm Somerford

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Morning Prayer (BCP)  
Benefice Pet Service

### SEPTEMBER

Wed 3rd 11.30 am Astbury VH  
2.45 pm Astbury  
7.30 pm Astbury

Holy Communion (CW)  
Community Service  
Women's Institute

**Sun 7th TRINITY XII**

8.00 am Astbury  
9.30 am Smallwood  
11.00 am Astbury  
2.30 pm Somerford  
6.30 pm Astbury

Holy Communion (BCP)  
Holy Communion (CW)  
Morning Praise & Holy Baptism  
Evensong (BCP)  
Compline

Mon 8th 7.00 pm Astbury

PCC Meeting

Wed 10th 11.30 am Astbury VH  
2.45 pm Astbury

Holy Communion (CW)  
Community Service

Fri 12th 1.00 pm Astbury

Heritage Open Day (to 4.00 pm)

Sat 13th 10.30 am Astbury  
1.00 pm Astbury

Bells Fun Day (to 4.30 pm)  
Heritage Open Day (to 4.00 pm)

**Sun 14th TRINITY XIII**

8.00 am Astbury  
9.30 am Smallwood  
11.00 am Astbury  
1.00 pm Astbury  
2.00 pm Astbury  
6.30 pm Astbury

Morning Prayer (BCP)  
All Age Service  
Holy Communion  
Heritage Open Day (to 4.00 pm)  
Come and Sing for  
Evensong (BCP)

Mon 15th 1.00 pm Astbury

Heritage Open Day (to 4.00 pm)

Tues 16th 1.00 pm Astbury

Heritage Open Day (to 4.00 pm)

Wed 17th 11.30 am Astbury VH  
1.00 pm Astbury

Holy Communion (CW)  
Heritage Open Day (to 4.00 pm)

1.30 pm Astbury

Ladies' Fellowship

2.45 pm Astbury

Community Service

Thu 18th 1.00 pm Astbury

Heritage Open Day (to 4.00 pm)

Fri 19th 6.00 pm

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Sat 20th 10.30 am Astbury  
1.00 pm Astbury

Come & Play the Organ  
Heritage Open Day (to 4.00 pm)

***Joint Parishes Calendar, continued***

**SEPTEMBER**

**Sun 21st TRINITY XIV – St Matthew**

8.00 am	Astbury	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30 am	Smallwood	Holy Communion (CW)
11.00 am	Astbury	Morning Praise (CW)
6.30 pm	Astbury	Compline

Wed	24th	11.30 am	Astbury VH	Holy Communion (CW)
		2.45 pm	Astbury	Community Service

Sat	27th	12.00 noon	Astbury	Holy Matrimony
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**Sun 28th TRINITY XV**

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8.00 am	Astbury			Morning Prayer (BCP)
9.30 am	Smallwood			Worship for all
11.00 am	Astbury			Holy Communion
1.00 pm	Astbury			Holy Baptism
6.30 pm	Astbury			Evensong (BCP)

**OCTOBER**

Wed	1st	11.30 am	Astbury VH	Holy Communion (CW)
		2.45 pm	Astbury	Community Service
		7.30 pm	Astbury	Women's Institute

**Sun 5th TRINITY XVI**

8.00 am	Astbury	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30 am	Smallwood	Holy Communion (CW)
11.00 am	Astbury	Morning Praise (CW)
6.30 pm	Astbury	Compline

Wed	10th	11.30 am	Astbury VH	Holy Communion (CW)
		2.45 pm	Astbury	Community Service

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