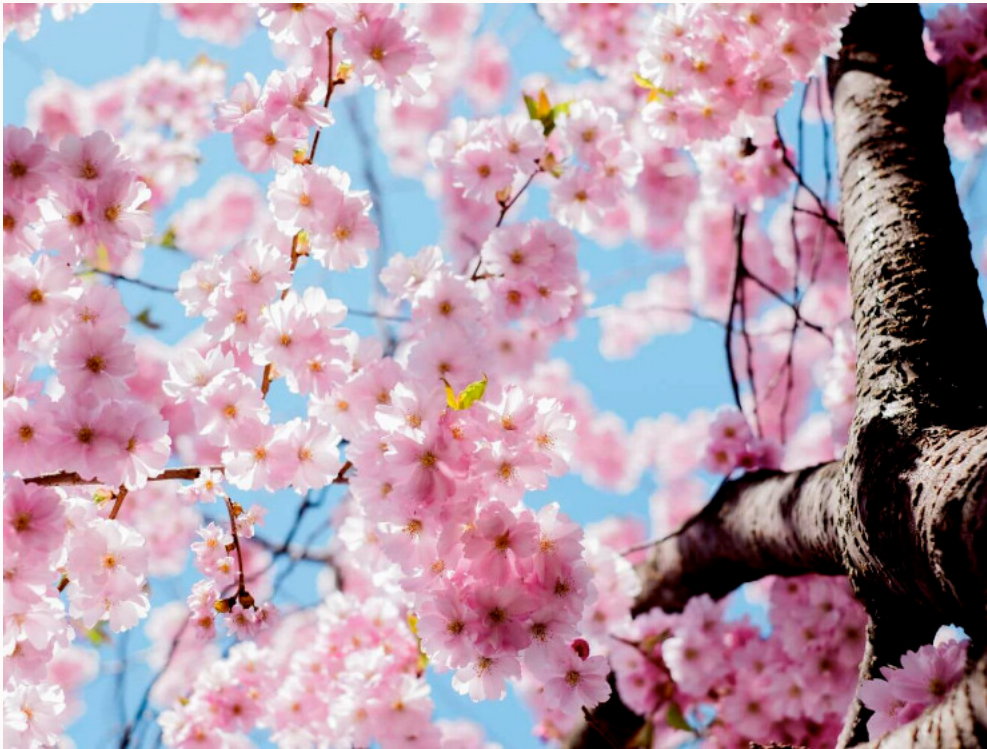


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VESTRY...

Have you ever arrived somewhere and realised that you have absolutely no idea of how you got there? I am pretty sure that many of you will know that feeling of slight panic when you realise that you have driven through traffic, several sets of lights, roundabouts and busy junctions with no memory of the journey. I know I have done this more than once, and it is quite disconcerting to say the least. I also do this quite a lot when out walking with the dogs; I find myself at some point on our walk a fair distance from where I last remember being. And at this point I am really hoping that some of you do recognise this so that I am not the only one who “Lolly Gags”. In fact, only this morning I walked the best part of a mile totally oblivious to traffic, pedestrians or dogs whilst thinking about Lemon Curd! Just in case you are wondering I am very fond of Lemon Curd – or if you prefer Lemon Cheese. Well, despite our wandering, the dogs and I arrived home safely and after checking my current stock level of Lemon Curd (6 jars) I was inspired to write this letter about the benefits of Lollygagging!

Now, the English language is a wonderful thing, it enables us to describe just about anything, to express our feelings and also to justify many attributes and behaviours that perhaps we should not be quite so keen to excuse ourselves from. A prime example of this for me is time wasting; I waste a lot of time. A lot. And I don't think for one little minute I am the only one because most of us do it to some degree or



other and we will all have our reasons/excuses. In fact, I have just wasted a bit of time contemplating some of the many words and phrases the English language provides us with to help justify this very behaviour.

- Procrastination – which actually make wasting time sound like a worthwhile and worthy thing – a kind of academic exercise bringing many benefits.
- Dawdling – in our childhood years we were often told not to dawdle but we are adults now so we can take our time and the more you try and rush us the more we will dawdle.
- Idling – now this I think sounds a bit insulting and even for cars this is a bad thing [see Regulation 98 of the Road Vehicle Regulations 1986]. I am not idle - I am thoughtful.
- Dilly-dallying – now we know we must not do this ‘on the way’ - think my old man and that van – but surely a bit of a dilly or a dally does no real harm and who knows what we might discover on the way.
- Then we have things like loitering; lagging and lingering – variations which suggest that we are putting some thought and real effort into finding exactly the right time-wasting method.
- Of course, we can also spin our wheels and twiddle our thumbs and probably much else, but my absolute favourite is obviously LOLLY GAGGING!



VESTRY...

'Lollygagging' (or lallygagging both of which are properly one word) originated as American slang in the mid-19th century to describe wasting time, dawdling, or fooling around. The fooling around element also meant that it carried a rather racy connotation but obviously we cannot get into that in a church magazine! But racy element aside I think Lollygagging and most of the variations I have listed have some very real benefits. Now, it goes without saying we should always drive and walk safely (especially with three dogs attached) but the time I spend Lollygagging is one of the few times I can relax. You see I am one of those people who I find it very hard to relax; my mind is always racing and even when sitting or lying down I find it almost impossible to stop fidgeting. But when I do Lollygag I seem to completely relax but I am thinking and sometimes I get some really good ideas (not just lemon curd related). You could call it thinking outside the box or blue-sky thinking which is a recognised technique for creativity and seeing the possibilities of a situation.

So, I am hoping to encourage you to Lollygag for your own well-being and also for the church (yes, you were right to think there would be a point/catch) because we are coming to a time of significant change here at All Saints. At the end of this year I will be retiring and the future clergy presence will be decided by the Bishop and the Archdeacon; this is unlikely to be full-time Vicar. There may also be other significant changes as to how things run. We all need not only to pray and think about the future but also to consider how we can support the church and this community. We need some of that blue-sky thinking in regard to how to

preserve and develop the best of what we are and also to come up with new ways to make this church and the Good News of Jesus Christ relevant to more people. We are also still looking for ideas as to how best we can use the resources and money



we have to support the church; although we immediately think about buildings you can let your blue-sky lollygagging take you beyond that. So, whether you like prevaricating – dawdling – dillydallying – lingering or lollygagging please give All Saints some thought and feel free to 'waste' more than a bit of time on us.

Yours in Christ

PS Drive and walk safely whilst lollygagging etc.

PPS I Googled Lemon Curd and Lemon Cheese – basically the same but Cheese thicker and more cheese like whilst Curd runnier and more tart. In any event Mrs Darlington's Lemon Curd is highly recommended.





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Prayer
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Radcliffe
Refreshments & Holy Communion, led by
Revd Phil Cansdale

*Please join us as we come together to pray
throughout our Mission Community.*

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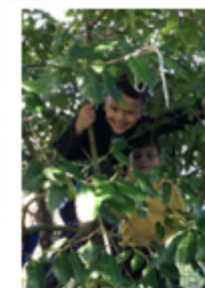
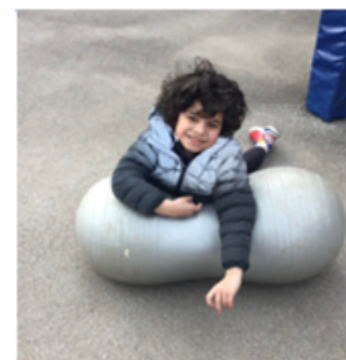
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3rd May 2026

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Thomas Coram and the Foundling Hospital

by Chris Dodd (Part 4)

We need to consider the finances essential in providing the money originally to build a hospital and then later to maintain the care of the children from birth to independence. First the background.

In Queen Anne's reign (1702 - 1714) a similar proposal for the building of a hospital for foundlings was proposed but the merchant class did not back it. This was because they said that 'the ill grounded prejudice of the public opinion was such that an undertaking might seem to encourage persons in vice and making it too easy a provision for their illegitimate children.'

They also thought that the parish officers would escape their duties and the poor classes would shirk their responsibilities. The 'Poor laws' had been in place from 1572. (they persisted until 1834.) these laws laid down that the parishes had the responsibility to support the poor.

Consequently, the parishes were overloaded so a distinction developed between the 'deserving poor' and 'undeserving Poor'. The 'deserving poor' were those families where sickness or death had deprived the family of the labour of the father and therefore no paternal income. The 'undeserving poor' were where unmarried mothers had produced illegitimate children. This combined moral failing with lack of financial responsibility. It was also thought that such failings might well be passed on to the children. The situation was worse if the mother gave birth alone and her baby died. She would then be accused of infanticide, brought before the courts and if found guilty, she could be put in prison, deported or hung. Because of lack of evidence, the dispensing of justice was very arbitrary.

Because because the churches view was.' that the duty of the poor was to work.' they already considered the parish Poor Law system encouraged idleness which led to vice and crime; they were not in favour of supporting a hospital for foundlings. Thus both the merchant class & the churchgoers were in agreement but for different reasons. That the aristocracy supported Coram's proposal showed that they had a more practical view of the situation that the unfortunate mother and more unfortunate baby found themselves in.



Above: George Frideric Handel

The merchants were also happy to contribute, anonymously, because the children were in need whatever was the circumstances of the conception, birth, or family situation. Both the aristocracy and the merchants would also be pleased with a potential ready supply of young labour.

Some children could never progress to become 'useful citizens' because of significant health defects. They would always be a financial burden throughout their lives.

In addition to donations, & legacies money was raised from concerts held either in the courtroom or the chapel.

George Frideric Handel was very helpful in supporting this project. The first performance of 'The Messiah' was performed in the new hospital & he gave annual concerts which produced a very useful income for the hospital. His wife was an active recruiter & inspector of the wet nurses



William Hogarth started exhibitions of paintings by well-known artists, including him, which were displayed in the court room. An annual meeting was held between 1747 and 1759 where the major artists of the day would sit down to dinner at the foundling hospital. This was the first time that paintings had been exhibited publicly. In 1757 no less than 154 names of painters, sculptures, architects, engravers & others, including many doctors, were listed for the annual dinner. This proved very popular and it led to the formation of the Royal Academy.

Thomas Coram, George Frideric Handel and William Hogarth were all friends. It is interesting that none of them were able to have families but they all strongly & generously supported the foundling hospital & encouraged others to do the same. These three men were all governors and actively involved in making the hospital more attractive and making the life more interesting for the children brought up in otherwise well regulated but rather dull routines. When parliament debated how much money should be offered to the charity it was only the basic necessities for the children that were considered and not their emotional development or potential for more interesting contributions to society.

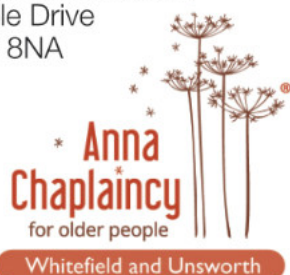
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Above: William Hogarth with his pug

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Left:
(l-r) Christine North, Rev.Elizabeth Binns, Vivienne Layton





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World Dracula Day

26th May 2026

World Dracula Day is
held annually on May
the 26th. This is the
date of the first
publication of Bram
Stoker's Dracula.



Gardening...

...with Phil O'Dendron



Left:
Erythronium pagoda; Dog's
Tooth Violet

Below:
Erythronium pagoda; Dog's
Tooth Violet close-up.

May is a transition month, leaving Spring & starting Summer. The winter/

spring flowering plants should have been pruned but if you were otherwise occupied it is not too late to do this now. Some require a vigorous cut which will give you the opportunity to have cuttings to make new plants: Forsythia, Berberis or Winter Jasmine, for example. Others just need a trim to give shape: such as Rhododendron praecox or Quince. While you have the secateurs in your hand it is a good opportunity to cut down the woody stems from the



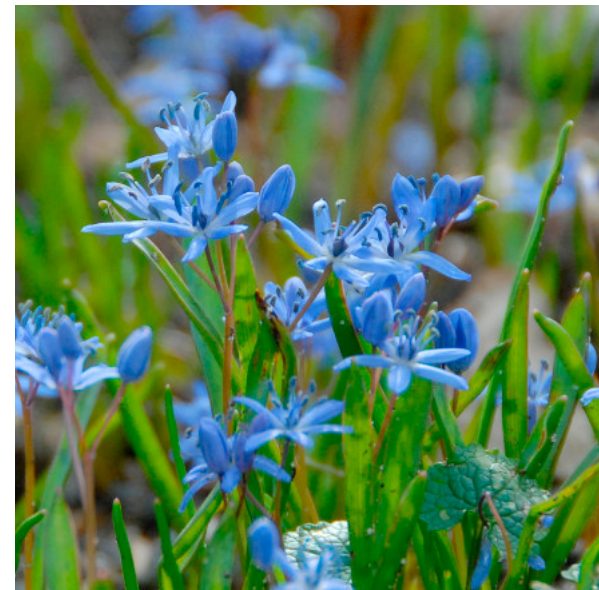
plants in the herbaceous beds but avoiding the new green shoots that are bursting through the ground. Yes you should be weeding around the planned residents, especially removing hairy Bittercress or couch grass. However be careful about removing 'grass look -a-likes' such as Erythronia. While the mature leaves do not look like grass at all the young leaves emerging from the ground are very similar. These plants are only 8 inches tall and enjoy peace and quiet in moist soil under shrubs or trees. They are hardy and if left undisturbed



they will gradually spread. The same applies to Violets which will also self seed into the neighbouring garden.

Above:
Violets

Left:
Scillas



Gardening...

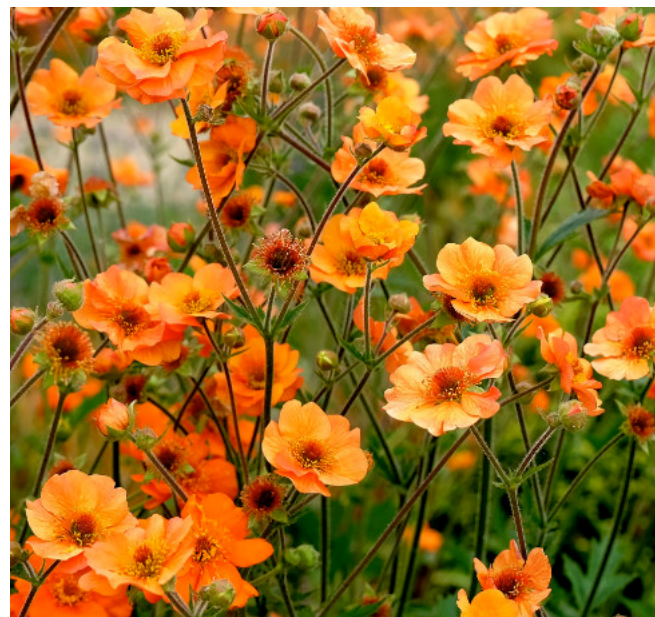
Some perennials start early and grow rapidly. The earliest to flower is *Doronicum caucasicum* 'Little Leo' which fits in with the yellow of the late Daffs. Following on is the orange perennial :Geum Totally Tangerine. This valuable and tough Customer will produce new flowers throughout the summer as long as you deadhead those that are finishing. You must remove flowers that are going to seed to encourage growth of new flower bearing stems. There are many other varieties of Geums with differing colours but the above variety is very reliable.



Gaps may appear both in the beds and in the lawns. If you are digging up the soil to plant a replacement be careful to look for bulbs of summer flowering plants, such as Alliums. Don't worry, just reposition them away from where you are planting. You can obtain new perennials from larger clumps by splitting them using the 2 fork: back -to-back method. If the old clump has a dead centre discard this into the compost. Put fresh soil/compost in the recipient hole and add a sprinkle of slow release fertiliser. This saves feeding the new plants with chemicals during the summer but don't forget that watering will still be necessary in prolonged dry spells.

Just a word about the lawn. The new seed that you spread in March will be growing fast. You have dealt with the moss using a scarifier and ferrous sulphate and now you should give the chance for all the grass to grow strongly which means the height of cut on the mower should be 3 inches. The grass will then outcompete the moss without the need for weedkiller. Do not lower the cut on the mower for another month. If you have a putting or bowling green the different rules apply!!

The Greenhouse: The main function of a greenhouse is to provide extra warmth and shelter for germinating seeds and growing young plants. Try to avoid using it as an extra



Above Left:
*Doronicum
caucasicum*

shed for storing 'stuff': plant pots, seed trays, bags of compost, grit & lawnmowers etc. Well that's the theory! An adjacent shed is ideal with other tools. There is sense in separating the two functions. Plants need water & air: do any automatic window vents need replacing? Keep a water butt next to the greenhouse. Tools need a dry environment to stop rusting. Both the greenhouse and shed need space both for you to move about in but also to keep clean and avoid disease or animals joining the show. Do as I say and not as I do!!

Above:
Geum

Why not take a trip to RHS Bridgewater or Dunham Massey to see how they are doing.. If you go every fortnight you will be amazed how much and how quickly the gardens change. It is a pleasure, education and an opportunity to treat yourself and friends to some refreshment and relaxation. Take time to enjoy someone else's time and effort in developing a beautiful garden. Return home and try to do the same there! ENJOY.

Phil O'Dendron

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Janice Thomas Barbara Lee

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Chris Crompton

N/A
Ian Orrell
Chris Dodd
Lynda Hinton
Linda Fogg

Intercessor

Chris Dodd

N/A
Barbara Lee
Gail Branch
Mandi Davies
Allan Atkins

Date

May 3rd
May 10th
May 17th
May 24th
May 31st
June 7th

Healing Teams

N/A
N/A
Susan + Betty Neil + Jackie M
N/A
N/A
N/A

Hall Refreshments

Tracey Elliott Carole Taylor Ian Orrell
Lindop Family
Norma Leigh Bessie Hall
Glenda Hegg Oliver Elliott
Tracey Elliott Carole Taylor
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Oakapple Day 29th May 2026

Also known as Restoration Day, it is a traditional English celebration of the restoration of the monarchy in 1660, following the death of Oliver Cromwell.

Special Services, Meetings and Family Events - May 2026

See page 3 for regular services.

Saturday May 2 nd	1.00pm	Wedding Jayde Dickson and Ashley Freeman
Sunday May 3 rd	11.45am	Baptism Aisha Anastasia Andrea Shaw
Tuesday May 5 th	Burial of Ashes,	Beryl and Walter Downward
Thursday May 7 th	2.00pm	Mothers Union, in the hall – Quiz
Saturday May 9 th	3.00pm in church,	Jonathan Scott Concert
Sunday May 10 th	11.30am	Baptism Toby Travis Suddons
Monday May 11 th	7.00pm	Mothers Union Deanery Festival at St Mary Radcliffe
Thursday May 14 th	Ascension Day, Mission Community Prayer Walk (See Page 10)	
Friday May 15 th	Wedding Zoe Cracknell and Robert Taylor	
Sunday May 24 th	11.45am	Baptism Dorothy Hounsome

Anniversary of Death and The Memorial Book

We remember those who's anniversary of death falls in the month of the magazine. Due to Data Protection, we can only print the names where we have received a signed request to do so. **Names of those who have died DO NOT automatically get added to the list or printed in the Memorial Book.**

May

1 May	James Alfred Jones
3 May	Barbara Mitchell
4 May	Karen Ruth Lane
6 May	Graham Howard Brown
7 May	Cliff Diamond
9 May	Derek Bell , Kenny Wright
11 May	Anthony Wilding
13 May	Celia Mary Bland
15 May	Barbara Pearson
16 May	Iris Kathleen Parker, Sam Hall, Gerald Holme
17 May	Albert Shuttleworth
20 May	Beryl Delve, Harriet Ann Porter, John Booth
21 May	Arthur Ramsbottom
23 May	Ian Rhodes
24 May	Janis Stott
28 May	Joseph Richardson
29 May	Gerald McEvoy, Brian Coady
30 May	Irene Breakwell

Parish Registers - (Since Previous Magazine)

Baptisms –

April 19th	Rosie Lou Thompson
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Weddings

April 9th	Jessica Amy Crowther and Philip James Jennings
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Funerals

March 24th	Susan Lowe, Funeral at East Lancs Crematorium
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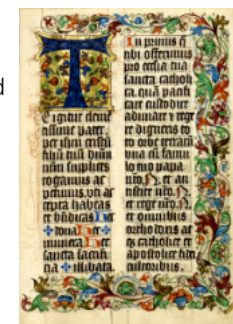
Burial of Ashes

March 20th	Ellen Patterson
March 20th	Ian Douglas
April 18th	David Davies
April 18th	Dean Heywood

Readings for May 2026

May 2026 Morning Service

3 rd May	Acts 7: 55 to the end
5 th Sunday of Easter	1 Peter 2: 2-10 John 14: 1-14
10 th May	Acts 17: 22-31
6 th Sunday of Easter	1 Peter 3: 13 to the end John 14: 15-21
14 th May	Acts 1: 1-11
Ascension Day	Ephesians 1: 15 to the end Luke 24: 44 to the end
17 th May	Acts 1: 6-14
7 th Sunday of Easter	1 Peter 4: 12-14; 5: 6-11 John 17: 1-11
24 th May	Acts 2: 1-21
Pentecost	1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13 John 20: 19-23
31 st May	Isaiah 40: 12-17, 27 to the end
Trinity Sunday	2 Corinthians 13: 11 to the end Matthew 28: 16 to the end
7 th June	Genesis 12: 1-9
1 st Sunday after Trinity	Romans 4: 13 to the end Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26



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