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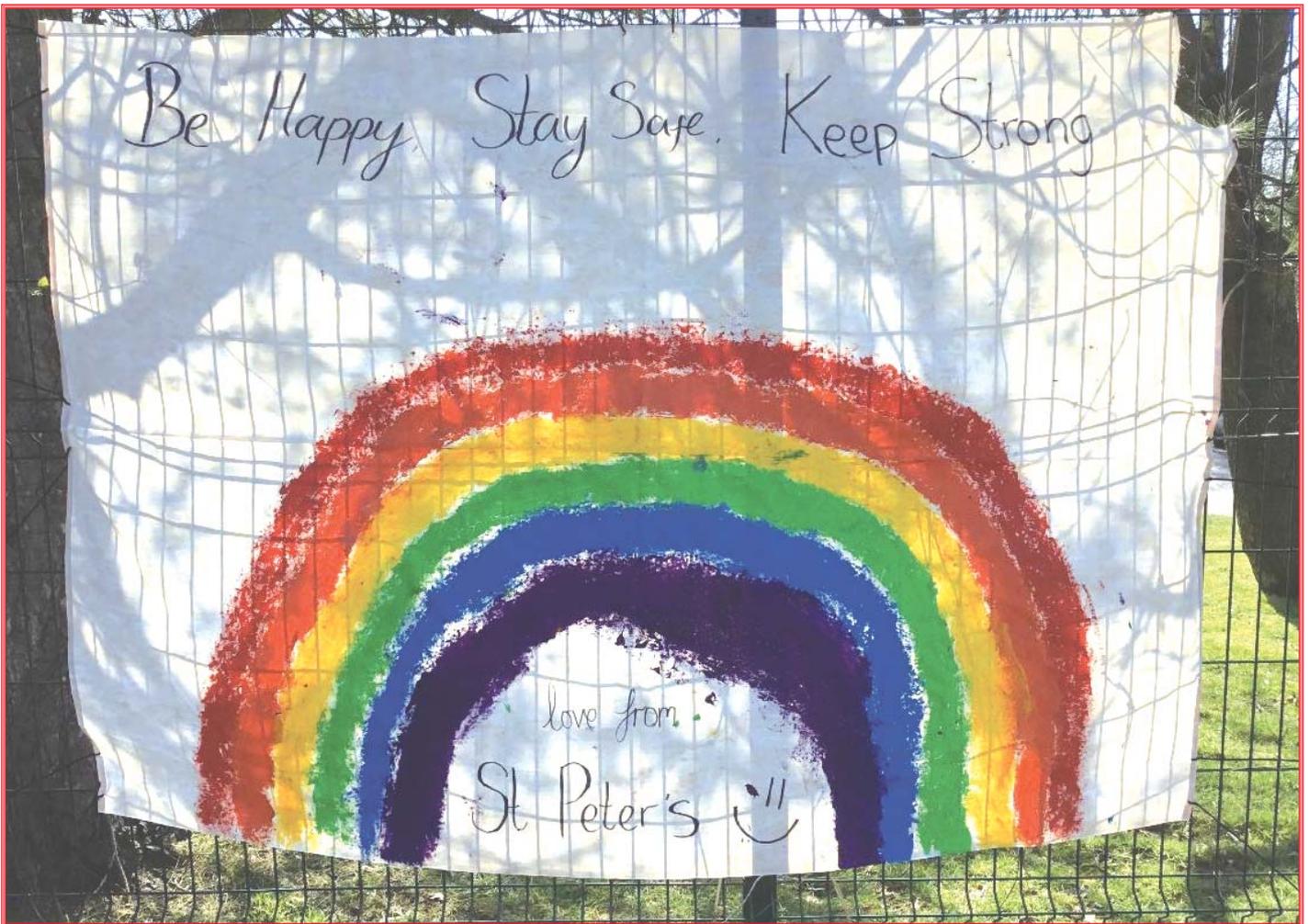
Outlook

May 2020

Jesus said: "I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last." John 15.16

We seek to make Jesus known in our community, through our joyful, loving service and worship.

St Peter's Rainbow



The Rainbow was created by the children at St Peter's as a tribute to and thank you for, the work of the NHS in these difficult times.

Music and our Faith Community - Canon Andrea Titterington

I am not a musician, but music has always been very important in my life. I was raised in New York City listening to the classical music station WQXR. I trained in ballet and was able to attend live concerts – the most memorable being a children’s concert led by Leonard Bernstein. I am lucky to have a musical family. It has always been a privilege to participate in services at Broughton St. John Baptist surrounded by the sound of our choir. Their music brings a different dimension to our worship and prayer.

Music also brings people together whatever the circumstances and wherever live music is played.

I can highly recommend looking at YouTube clips of “flash mob” performances in public spaces around the world. They usually start with a single musician standing in the middle of a square or shopping mall or office building and starting to play or sing. This gets the attention of a few passersby. Then other musicians join in at intervals from various previously hidden locations until a full orchestra or dance troupe or opera chorus completes the ensemble and the glory of the music captures the assembled crowd. Look at the smiles of pure joy and camaraderie as people watch the musicians. See how young children are enthralled by the sound and skill of those playing, dancing or singing.

We are social animals. That is why loneliness is seen as a cause of mental and physical ill health. The inability to meet with family, friends and fellow parishioners in church services has been one of the most extreme effects of the government’s “Stay at home. Protect the NHS. Save Lives.” advice and regulations.

Some of us are completely confined to our homes. We may be lucky to have a garden or balcony, but many are shut into small spaces without the option to mix with other people. Those of us

with computers and smartphones have learned how to use Skype, Zoom, WhatsApp and other platforms to keep in touch. Many are not digitally connected. They are truly cut off.

What has been amazing is the growing readiness of communities to help each other. We live in what has always been a friendly cul de sac. Since the pandemic was recognised as being a particular danger to older people and those with underlying health issues, we are surrounded by people offering to help with shopping or whatever else we need.

We now have a neighbourhood WhatsApp group and have “met” the people at the far end of the street whom we only ever waved to in the past. We are in touch with news, funny snippets and cartoons, holiday greetings and offers of help. We make noise for the NHS and key workers each week. In our son’s street in London, their WhatsApp group does the same and they even played “street bingo” one evening with everyone safely ensconced in their front yards! This connectivity will outlive the restrictions and the feel-good factor of a flash mob performance.

The Parish Pastoral Team is trying hard to keep in touch during the period when our worship centres are closed via e-mail, telephone and the website. Our prayer life continues and we hope to reach out spiritually to as many parishioners as possible. It will be so important for the future of the parish that we care for and pray for each other even if remotely.

The practical work of keeping the parish operating is going on despite the closures. The bills still need to be paid. The buildings still require attention. Progress is being attempted on the St. Martin’s Chapel/Parish Hall project.

Pray that our parish, country and the world will overcome the COVID-19 virus soon. Let us remember that as human beings we are connected to each other and are all children of God.

An Urgent request from the PCC Treasurer

Over the coming days current envelope givers who Gift Aid their donations will be receiving a letter requesting their consideration of maintaining their giving through their bank by Standing Order rather than blue or brown envelopes.

This will ensure a steadier income stream for the parish at a time when, despite the COVID-19 emergency, the parish still has bills to pay. The cost of the postage will be covered by the PCC Treasurer as a Gift Aided donation to the PCC.

Plate and card reader donors may also consider this method of giving.

All forms relating to Standing Orders and Gift Aid may be obtained by contacting the Parish Office or the Treasurer by phone: 077768072379, or e-mail: jim.titterington@gmail.com.

Thank you.
Jim Titterington,
PCC Treasurer

Light up a life

April 2020

1 st	Jean Miller	In memory of my father on his birthday
1 st	Margaret Jones and all the family	In loving memory of Ralph
5 th	Gill and Edward Kramer	To celebrate the 9 th birthday of our grandson Andrew James Ward
9 th	Maundy Thursday	No Floodlighting
10 th	Good Friday	No Floodlighting
13 th	Chris & Marilyn Couper	To celebrate the 7 th wedding anniversary of Charlotte & David
15 th	Mary Broster	Fond memories of John.
16 th	Mary Broster	Fond memories of my brother Roger Bell
18 th	Harold, Peter, Susan and Andrea	In memory of Leonard and Eva Bellairs on their Wedding Anniversary
19 th	Margaret Jones and all the family, with love	With happy memories of Ralph
20 th	Chris & Marilyn Couper	To celebrate our Wedding Anniversary
22 nd	Norman, Christine & Sara Burke	In loving memory of our lovely son and brother Stuart
22 nd	Janet Hitchen	In loving memory of my parents on the anniversary of their marriage, 1953
25 th	The Barton family	In loving memory of Margaret on her 11th Anniversary
27 th	Gill and Edward Kramer	To celebrate the 45th birthday of our son Philip Edward Kramer and Philip & Philippa's 18th wedding anniversary
27 th	John Dempsey	To celebrate Anne's Birthday
28 th	Eilwen Dixon	Treasured memories of a much loved and missed husband on the 7 th anniversary of our parting

Anyone who would like to have the church flood-lit on a particular occasion to celebrate an anniversary or commemorate a loved one can book it by calling Chris Couper on 01772 863782 or e-mail chris.j.couper@talk21.com

The cost per night is £15. Please send cash, or cheques made payable to "**PCC of Broughton**", to Chris Couper, 78 Greenacres, Fulwood, Preston, PR2 7DB.

REMINDER — PLEASE REMEMBER TO GIFT AID YOUR DONATION, the church can claim an extra 25 pence for every pound you give.

THE PARISH OF
ST. JOHN BAPTIST, BROUGHTON

Be Thou my hope Lord

*Be Thou a star above me Lord,
to guide me through the night.*

*Be Thou a ray of morning sun,
to set my world alight.*

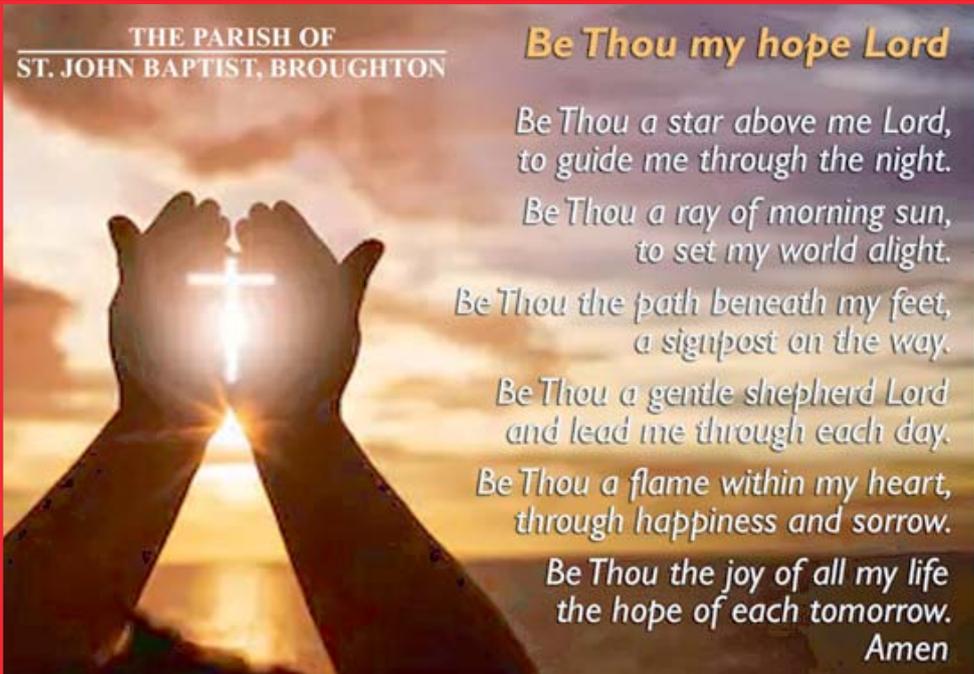
*Be Thou the path beneath my feet,
a signpost on the way.*

*Be Thou a gentle shepherd Lord
and lead me through each day.*

*Be Thou a flame within my heart,
through happiness and sorrow.*

*Be Thou the joy of all my life
the hope of each tomorrow.*

Amen



Outlook Deadline

Please send any items for
June Outlook by
Saturday 16th May
All non-editing information
rotas, lists, statistics
to Chris Couper direct:
chris.j.couper@talk21.com or
by hand.

All other news, articles, pic-
tures, letters to be sent to
Brendan Hurley, Outlook edi-
tor, at
broughtonoutlook@hotmail.com

Our Schools in Lockdown

As everyone knows all schools have officially been closed over the past few weeks...but like so many paradoxes inherent in the lockdown rules..they haven't really closed at all and have remained open for children of key workers.

Broughton's headteacher has kept School Governors updated on what has faced our school staff and pupils. Parishioners might be interested in how she and her staff have coped in these extraordinary times.

26th March

Dear all,

I thought that you might like an update on the current situation in school.

By Friday lunchtime last week, we had over one hundred and twenty children whose parents had requested access to the childcare provision which we have been asked by the government to put in place for children whose parents are key workers. This was obviously very concerning as it was far higher than the 10% of the school population which the government had indicated we would be required to accommodate.

Thankfully, in response to the clear message of 'stay home and stay lives' from the government and because of the deteriorating situation in relation to the spread of the virus, by Monday that number had become much more manageable.

So far this week, the number of children attending the facility has ranged from twenty-two to twenty-eight and most parents are very mindful that they should only be bringing their children to school if strictly necessary. However, we do have a handful of parents where, although they meet the government's definition of key workers, I am not entirely sure that they should be accessing this provision. I am trying very hard not to judge peo-

ple but when I know that the higher the number of the people on site, the greater risk, it is a little hard not to.

Using the indicative numbers from last week, we implemented a rota last week which had six members of teaching and support staff in at a time. The fall in numbers mean that we have not required this level of staffing and, from next week, we will reduce the number of staff to four. This means that most members of staff will only be attending school for one day a week. The cleaning and caretaking staff are also attending each day but are also working fewer hours than usual.

Teachers are working from home each day and are using an app called Seesaw to upload learning for all children on a daily basis. Children are able to post their learning back and teachers can then review their posts.

We can post videos and photographs as well and, so far, it seems to have been very well received by both parents, children and staff. It is not the same as having daily contact and teaching in school but, given the circumstances, it is a useful way of keeping learning going and contact in place.

The children who attend the childcare provision, work with adults in the morning on their Seesaw learning and then the afternoons are spent playing. I am making it very clear to all parents that all we are doing is providing a luxury childminding service and that children who attend do not have advantage in relation to education than those who don't.

The school kitchens are still open and they are doing a marvellous job. The children are provided with toast at brektime, a hot meal at lunchtime and then fruit and cake later on in the day for afternoon snack. We have decided in the first instance that school will cover the costs of the food provision. There are two reasons for this: one, we have many families where both parents are on the front line of fighting Covid-19 and I am sure that after long shifts at work, they may

not well have time to provide nutritious meals and two, by not bringing lunchboxes etc into school, the risk of virus transmission is further reduced. We will review this as the partial school closure proceeds.

We are ensuring that children and staff are keeping safe as much as possible. This includes regular hand washing as well as frequently uttering the words: 'Social distancing, people; keep apart!' A month ago, we'd obviously never heard of social distancing and now I seem to say it at least twenty times every day! We have been blessed with the most beautiful weather and the children have been able to spend extended periods outside enjoying the sunshine, which makes social distancing a lot easier.

It is likely that the school closure will have a negative impact on our school budget as we will be losing some income, most notably from Stay and Play and the additional nursery fees. This will be offset by savings in relation to energy and other resources but it is still highly probable that there will be an impact.

At present, we are aiming to continue with the childcare provision during the Easter holidays. We are waiting on further guidance from the Department for Education and the local authority about this.

2nd April

School should be closing today for the Easter holidays so I thought that I would just provide you all with a quick update.

We will be open during the holidays, although not Good Friday and Easter Monday, for the children whose parents are key workers. The numbers vary between ten and twenty four and there will be at least three members of staff in each day. A member of the school leadership will be in each day to lead provision and they have detailed procedures on how it should operate to ensure the safety of all children and staff.

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Our Schools in Lockdown

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Members of staff have all risen to the challenge of working together to provide this childcare. Teachers have completely embraced the online learning platform, Seesaw, and quality learning and interaction between teachers and pupils is still taking place.

Parents have been mostly positive about the online learning and I have received some very lovely comments. There has, however, also been a certain level of anxiety from some parents who are struggling with working from home, managing the home learning and keeping their children interested and motivated.

Wherever possible, we have reassured these parents that throughout the school and the country there will be many children who are in a similar situation and that we will address all these issues when we return.

Our main message to all parents is to just do what you can, when you can and that the most important thing is that the children are safe and that the parents stay sane!

It is difficult not to dwell a little on all the things which we have missed during the past two weeks including the Year 5 visit to Tower Wood, the Easter Service, our joint service with Our Lady and St Edward's, a number of sporting events, our 'Easter Day' celebrations with the annual boiled egg decoration competition and the chocolate egg hunt. Undoubtedly, there will be many more events missed in the coming weeks and I am sure that we are all looking forward to the time when life will return to normal.

With all best wishes,

Carolyn

A Fresher in Durham

(some thoughts for those considering university)



***Hatfield College,
Durham University***

My first year at Durham has been undoubtedly the best the best year of my life so far, despite getting cut by a third due to coronavirus.

During the year I have joined some new societies and continued old hobbies. I have started playing badminton again and Ultimate Frisbee, which I had never previously played, as well as joining the university Physics Society and the Assassins Society (which is definitely one of the odder societies at Durham and in which no-one is actually killed).

After playing in Poulton Brass Band at home, I have joined the University Brass Band and a 10 piece brass assemble where we've been able to play in Durham Castle.

One thing to remember is no matter what you're interested in, there will be so many societies for you to join that you won't be able to do them all, just join as many as you can at the Freshers Fair. The only thing that saying yes to societies affects is the number of emails you'll receive: you have nothing to lose from having a go.

As well as taking part in societies, you are also at university to do a degree (apparently). Joking aside, at most universities first year studies don't

count towards your final degree classification so you have time to enjoy yourself.

With studying Maths and Physics, the course has been quite intense with on average 22 contact hours a week made

up of lectures, small group tutorials and a 3 hour Laboratory session. I believe this is actually more contact hours than I had during A levels so you at least feel like you're getting your money's worth. However 22 hours is definitely the highest amount of contact time, with History and English having only about 6-8 hours a week at Durham.

The course started off as relatively easy with recapping of A level content bringing everyone up to the same level and then progressively becoming harder over the two teaching terms of Michaelmas and Epiphany.

One special thing about Durham, Cambridge and Oxford is their college systems. Despite most Durham colleges not being as old as Oxford and Cambridge colleges, the oldest at Durham being Castle (University) College founded in 1832, I believe they operate similarly.

In Durham, first years stay in their own colleges, with each college having its own accommodation spaces and most colleges almost having their own campus feel. I have to say at my college, Hatfield, the accommodation standards vary due to the age of the college, but even the worst rooms where I am staying, were pretty good.

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Are you into semiotics?

You may not think you are..but I guarantee it plays a large part in your life. So what is it? Put simply, it is the study of, or in the case of most of us, the interpretation of, signs and symbols and their meaning.

A symbol is a mark, sign, image or word that we understand as representing an idea, object, or relationship. All communication (and data processing) is achieved through the use of symbols. Symbols take the form of words, sounds, gestures, ideas or visual images and are used to convey other ideas and beliefs.

For example on a map, a blue line might represent a river. Numerals are symbols for numbers. Alphabetic letters may be symbols for sounds. Personal names are symbols representing individuals. A red rose may symbolize love and compassion.

The rainbow, shown on this month's front cover, is a symbol which has been part of our culture for over two thousand years.

In the mythology of Greece and Rome it was considered to be a path made by a messenger (Iris) between Earth and Heaven. The Irish leprechaun's secret hiding place for his pot of gold is usually said to be at the end of the rainbow. In Chinese mythology, the rainbow was a slit in the sky sealed by goddess Nüwa using stones of five different colours.

In the Genesis flood narrative, after creating a deluge to wash away humanity's corruption, God put the rainbow in the sky as the sign of His promise that He would never again destroy the earth with flood (Genesis 9:13-17).

I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth. And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud: And I will remember my covenant, which is



between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh. And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth. And God said unto Noah, This is the token of the covenant, which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth.

The rainbow was a symbol of the covenant which God made with Noah when he emerged from the ark, that the waters should no more become a flood to destroy all flesh. It was a sign of his love and the witness of his promise.

In Ezekiel Chapter 1 the glory of God is compared to a rainbow, likened to ***the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain.***

In Chapter 4 of Revelation John tells us:

And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone; and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.

The rainbow becomes the symbol of hope and the bright emblem of mercy and love.

Rainbows are used as a symbol of peace and hope as they often appear when the sun follows heavy rainfall providing Wordsworth with a flash of elation:

***My heart leaps up when I behold
A rainbow in the sky:***

Even the often gloomy and dour DH Lawrence in his novel of the same name, sees the rainbow as a symbol of life, continuity, hope and happiness. In the final sentence of the book Ursula Brangwen saw:

in the rainbow, the earth's new architecture, the old, brittle corruption of houses and factories swept away, the world built up in a living fabric of Truth, fitting to the over-arching heaven.

In popular culture, Dorothy on her road to Oz tells us that:

***Somewhere over the rainbow
skies are blue
And the dreams that you dare to
dream really do come true***

They serve to remind us that there is hope and light to follow even after dark times. Moreover rainbows signify a new beginning, a spiritual sign which can give people encouragement.

Over the past couple of months the rainbow image has begun to appear as a homemade poster in people's windows. Rainbows are being used as a symbol of support for all the selfless-work of the NHS and serve to remind us all too that there is hope and light to follow even after dark times.

The current trend appears to have started in Italy but has also been adopted by the US, Canada and Spain, where people have adorned their windows and balconies with colourful pictures, making the rainbow a universal symbol, the meaning of which is shared by all who are struggling in these difficult times.

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A Walk in the Woods

For many years the people of Preston have enjoyed the sylvan delights of what is officially Fulwood Park Wood but which is known locally as Squire Anderton's Wood. It was in the past a favourite place for a Sunday afternoon stroll or a picnic excursion, especially for those living in Fulwood and Broughton: in recent weeks it has once again become a place to be enjoyed, even savoured.



Coupled with a walk along the rough path to Fernyhalgh and the shrine at Ladyewell, carpeted with bluebells, celandine and wild garlic, and following the gentle course of Savick Brook, it still provides an oasis of quiet and calm, perhaps seen at its best in the sunshine of these early Spring days.



But who was Squire Anderton?

The Andertons of Haighton sprang from an ancient family, directly from one Roger Anderton resident in Withnell in about 1688. His son, James Anderton (1720-1783), a cotton manufacturer, took up residence after his marriage, at Lovely Hall in Salesbury near Blackburn. The marriage produced a staunchly Catholic family of eight children, the eldest of whom, another Roger, married Elizabeth Howard.

Their son James Francis Anderton (1804-1853) attended Stoneyhurst College. His sister Ellen became a nun at St Joseph's Convent in Scarborough, where she founded a bursary fund for the training of priests at Ushaw College Seminary in County Durham, where her brother John Anderton studied.

In 1827, James Francis married Mary Sidgreaves of Inglewhite Lodge, at Alston Lane Church. In 1832, the couple took up residence at Haighton House, the splendid mansion in the middle of the woodland (which for a while was the home of David Moyes, the football manager).

James refurbished one of the rooms as a private oratory, dedicated to St Francis Xavier. Interestingly a letter from James to Bishop Briggs tells us that then current Hall had emerged from a much earlier building, albeit on a slightly different site:

My Lord,

I request your indulgence for trespassing upon your attention in a matter relating principally to myself. In the old house, Gerard Hall, for many generations, the residence of the Gerards, there existed the privilege of a chapel. Captain Gerard, father of the late Mr Gerard, in the year 1820, pulled down partially the Old Hall and built the mansion now occupied by me, distant a hundred yards.

On the death of Mr Gerard, Miss Gerard presented to me the vestments, chalice, thurible etc. belonging to the old chapel. In the plan for the enlargement of the house I have selected one room to be fitted up for a chapel.

I request, my lord, your consent to the transfer of the privilege of a chapel from the remains of the Old Hall, now a farmhouse, to this present dwelling house.

*James F. Anderton
April 9th 1837*

James Anderton was never a squire in the feudal sense of the word, though he was a man of high social standing, living on a rural estate and undoubtedly a wealthy, influential, hospitable benefactor, who lived in a splendid and remote mansion, though he appears to have enjoyed a busy social life in and around Preston.

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His marriage to Mary produced a large family though sadly many of their children died young: twins, Elizabeth and Roger, died in 1828 not reaching their first birthday; James Francis, their next child died in 1839 aged 10, as a result of a fall while carrying his younger sister Elizabeth. He broke his thigh and tuberculosis set in.

Elizabeth herself (1833-1914) became a nun at the Franciscan Convent at Woodchester, near Stroud. Another daughter, Mary Frances, died in 1841, again in her tenth year. Her sister Gertrude however survived and after her marriage to Robert Chadwick of Alston, went on to have eight children before her death in Rome in 1909.

A son John died in 1847 but perhaps the sadness of this loss was relieved a little by the birth of his sister, Frances Aloysia, the same year. Tragedy however seemed to dog the family and her death resonates poignantly with our current pandemic: aged 12, she rode her pony to the Green Man at Inglewhite, where she stayed for lunch. There she happened to kiss a child recovering from scarlet fever, which she herself contracted but from which she failed to recover.

Squire Anderton's hospitality allowed the local hunt to use his land for hare coursing. He himself enjoyed shooting his estate and the tranquility we now feel there was often shattered by gunshots, accounting for forty pheasants, sixty-five partridges and seventy-four hares in one season.

After a very full life, and following persistent liver problems, James Frances (Squire) Anderton died on September 7th 1853. Haighton House was inherited by his youngest surviving son, Wilfrid Francis, born in 1844 and though now divided into three dwellings, continued in the family until the C20th.

The simple family motto resonates with all of us, especially at this moment in time:

Quod felix faustum sit
May things turn out well

A Fresher in Durham

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I also shared a room this year, which I have really enjoyed as I'm really good friends with my roommate. Most people get on well enough with their roommates with about 30% of Hatfielders being in shared rooms though you can request to change

rooms if you really feel you need to.

Another tradition at Hatfield is *formals*, formal dinners held twice a week where all attendees dress in suits or dresses as well as their academic gown.

The *formals* at Hatfield are accompanied by many traditions, one of which is banging spoons on the table before the high table enter the dining room. It is then the job of the Senior Man, who is in president of the Junior Common Room which all Hatfield undergraduates are part of, to stop the racket by shouting for quiet whilst standing on a chair. I can tell you that it was a very weird first experience of university life: this was the first meal the First Years had together on Freshers' Sunday.

University has been all I have hoped for and more and I can definitely recommend Durham as a place to go.: the main attraction being the college system as you feel part of your college within a couple of days into Freshers' Week and even more a part of your college than the university as a whole.

You also have the benefit of each college having its own sports teams and societies, which are more accessible than the higher level University teams. Colleges like Collingwood operate up to an football 'N' team.

There is also huge rivalry between colleges, which makes you feel even more a part of your college community and if you're ever in Durham late at night in term time, you'll probably be able to hear some dubious chants as over-indulged students wander down the Bailey.

All the advice I can give after a year, is work hard for your A levels because you'll get your reward at university and once you're there join as many things as you can and try something new because it will never be easier to start a new hobby or sport.

Patrick Hurley

Reading for

MPhys in Theoretical Physics

St Martin's Chapel & Parish Hall Project Update

The Coronavirus pandemic has somewhat slowed down the process, but work is continuing with the professional team by conference calls to finalise design and specifications and to determine the build cost.

Thanks to the £30,000 grant from *Lancashire Environmental Fund* an air-source heat pump heating system for the complete building can be installed. This will negate any requirement for gas; thereby reducing our carbon footprint and energy bills.

A grant from *AllChurches Trust* for £9,000 has been received and further grants are now being sought following planning permission.

ST MARTIN'S CHAPEL & PARISH HALL APPEAL

An Appeal has been officially launched to raise further funds for essential items in all areas to furnish the new Chapel and Parish Hall Complex. A detailed list of items for sponsorship is shown again below. Donations and sponsorship will be acknowledged within the building.

Thank you so much for the donations now totalling over £2000 and the kind offer to purchase the credence table.

Chapel

Altar
Lectern
President's Chair
2 Deacons' Chairs
Altar Rail
Credence Table
Wooden Floor
Two 60" TV's

Kitchen (electric)

Double Oven
Large Hob
Fridge/Freezer
Microwave
Dishwasher
Water Heater
Crockery
Cutlery

Parish Room

Tables for 20-25
25 Folding Chairs
50" TV
Carpet

Exterior

Trees
Shrubs

Parish Office

Desk
Computer
Carpet

Meeting Rooms

Two 50" TVs
Flexible Meeting
Tables
75 Folding Chairs

Please contact Vicki at the Parish Office to enable a member of the Appeal team to discuss in more detail about any item, the design and estimated costs etc.

We are also requiring assistance on the Appeal Committee, so please contact Vicki as soon as possible if you can help. Please join in to make the new St. Martin's Chapel/Parish Hall a success for this and future generations.

PCC Communications Committee

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