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Upcoming Services

- **21/08/2022 Sunday 9.45 at Pulford Church**
Parish Communion led by Robin Mosley
- **21/08/2022 Sunday 11.15 at Eccleston Church**
Choral Communion led by Canon Chris Samuels.
- **28/08/2022 Sunday 11.15 at Eccleston Church**
Choral Communion [Joint Service]
- **4/09/2022 Sunday 9.45 at Pulford Church**
Holy Communion [Joint Service] led by Canon Ian Davenport.
- **11/09/2022 Sunday 11.15 at Eccleston Church**
Sung Communion [Joint Service] led by Canon Chris Samuels

Dear Reader,

The parish newsletter as well as home worship guides for those unable to attend the service in person, are available to download from the church website as well as being emailed once a fortnight.

For up-to-date service information please see the church website [Services – St Mary's Church Eccleston and St Mary's Church Pulford \(ecclestonchurch.org\)](#)

Please feel free to email suggestions for future newsletter articles.

Kind Regards

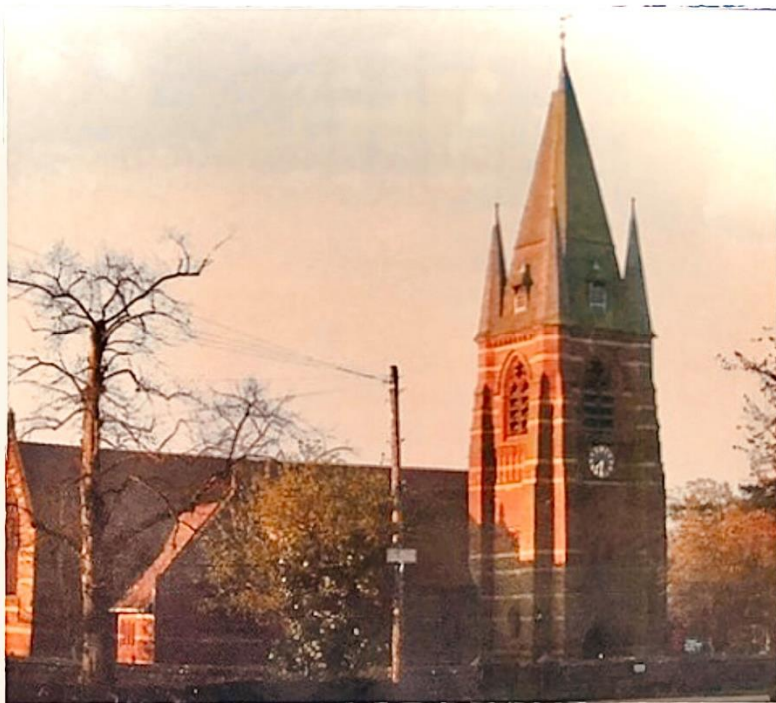
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Important News and Reminders: All Age Service, August 21st Pulford Church

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INVITATION TO OUR ALL AGE SERVICE

ST. MARY'S PULFORD

9:45 - 10:45am

Come and join us for our All Age Communion Service this coming Sunday, 21/8/22

Priest: Robin Mosley

Important News and Reminders: Food Bank

A reminder from Rachel Williams

Urgently Wanted

- Tinned Meats, Tomatoes, Desserts & Potatoes
- UHT Milk & Juice
- Custard
- Small Jars Instant Coffee
- Jams and Spreads
- Instant Mashed
- Cereal Bars
- Instant Pasta & Instant Noodles

Wanted

- Tinned Meat, Fish, Vegetables, Potatoes, Tomatoes, Custard & Fruit
- Cuppa Soup
- Pot Noodles
- Instant Pasta & Pasta Sauce, Mashed Potato, Coffee & Custard
- Biscuits
- UHT Milk and Fruit Juice
- Breakfast Cereal

Plenty Of

- Pasta
- Baked Beans

The list changes from time to time. Both donation stations are emptied on the last service in the month and for those parents who receive the magazine we collect from school the last week of each half term.



Rob Hughes Homily: Silent Church Update



One of the reasons I originally chose a theme about stillness, in a recent series of blogs, was to promote a potential re-introduction of Silent Church, should there be sufficient interest and support. I invited readers, at the end of the last blog, to let me know if they wanted me to send updates (and to create a mailing list for that purpose). Having invited expressions of interest, I have to say that I only received one such request. So, with thanks (and apology) to that person, I'll await a time when there might be sufficient interest and opportunity (maybe during the Autumn, or the Lenten season) to try again.

Summarizing the theme of the homilies, I'd just like to include a personal perspective about what I have found to be true about practicing stillness **in the specific context of Silent Church** - in doing so, recognising the deeply personal nature of the experience, and that others might have a different perspective - in which case "get blogging!"). For me, though:

Simply setting time aside - with no agenda other-than listening-out for God, has been, consistently, the most spiritually-rewarding form of meditation - complementing and guiding the 'general mindfulness' approach

I came to understand that it is also a silently prayerful practice in its own right, during which sometime inadequate words take second place to contemplative discernment

Whilst not replacing the need for 'normal prayer time', it has enabled me to forgive my frequent lapses in private prayer (Roger used to call them dry spells) - and that we can honour God as much in private or public silence, as we do when we indulge in public or private 'vocal prayer'.

I would still whole-heartedly promote and support the re-introduction of silent church activities, 'when the time is right'. In the meantime, I'll leave this final thought. We're probably all guilty of taking God too much for granted. Yet the fact is, we don't have to look very far to find Him; we don't have to travel distances; we don't need to expend any real effort to seek Him out, or to get Him to come to us - we don't have to 'manifest' God, because He is already here, "here-and-now". What we do have to do is to turn away from the hustle and bustle and complexities of modern life, and just 'let Him in' from time to time, and let Him speak in the silence of our hearts...

Best wishes, as always, *Rob*

[Rob Hughes]

Kestor Rock Walk - Greening On the outskirts of Chagford, Devon. Terra Divina part 3. A poem by Jeanette Howe.

Isaiah 48:13

*My hand laid the foundation of the earth,
and my right hand spread out the heavens;
when I call to them,
they stand forth together*

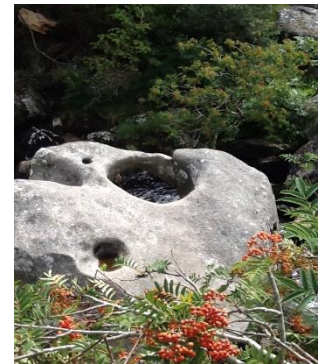


The Rowan high on the tops
Poking through craggy rocks
And low by the brooks
Roots and branches touching the flow
Of the river Teign.
A tree adapting to
And following the paths of birds feasting on their bountiful fruit.
May our roots anchor in You Lord, so that we, in turn, may bear
much fruit

Wonderful sights; little lizard, nuthatch and small black minnow,
And over an ancient wall surrounding cultivated land,
A buzzard only 10 meters away, majestic, graceful
Unafraid he glides away in slow retreat



Feet dipping in the cool Teign
Our companion once again
Today.
Thank you Lord for Living Water
For quiet to think
For beauty and form
For a bridge to the Father
For rest from the storm
For this wild garden
And brothers and sisters in Christ



Isaiah 48:21

*They did not thirst when he led them through the deserts;
he made water flow for them from the rock;
he split the rock and the water gushed out*

[Jeanette Howe]

God Is Love (A 2.4 mile walk from Eccleston Church to Aldford Church to view a stain glass window by Edward Burne-Jones).

I was quite surprised to stumble upon a stain glass window by the famous artist Edward Burne-Jones within easy walking distance from Eccleston Church. Normally you would have to catch a train down to the Tate Gallery to see Edward Burne-Jones' art. However, we have a fine example of his art right on our doorsteps.

With apologies to those very familiar with the area, I include a guided map for those not so familiar with the area.

If coming by car, leave your car at the Eccleston Ferry Park (see map), then head right, along the river towards the Grosvenor Estate.

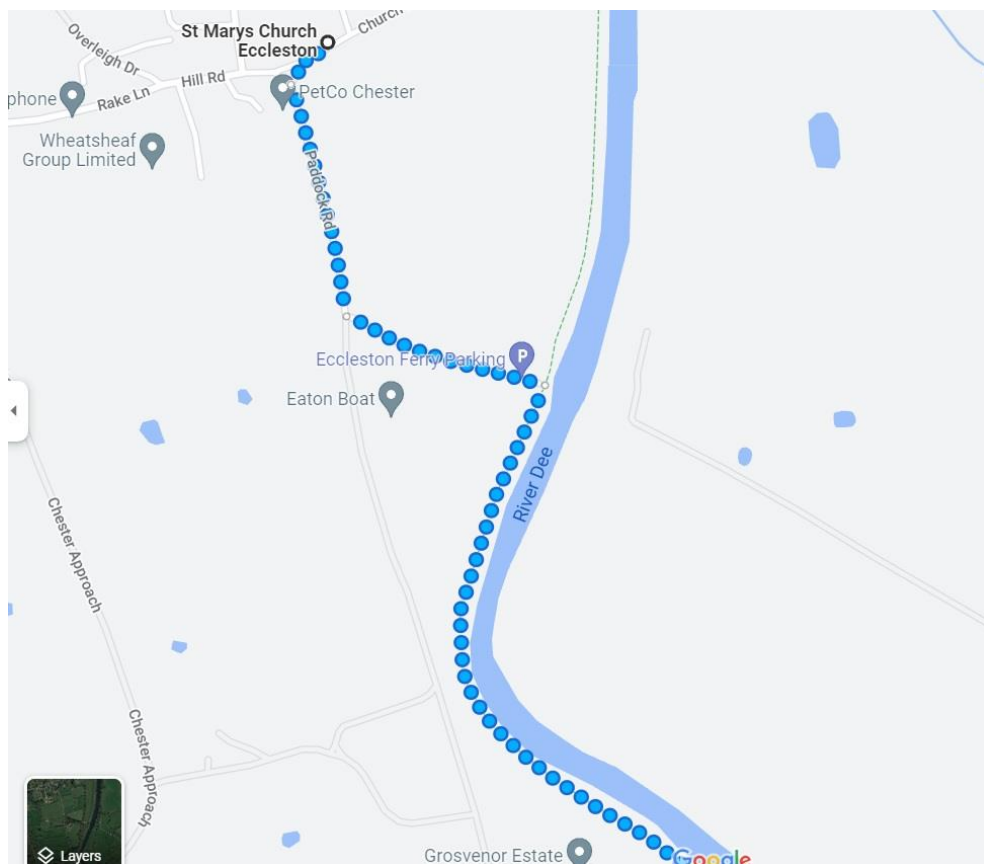


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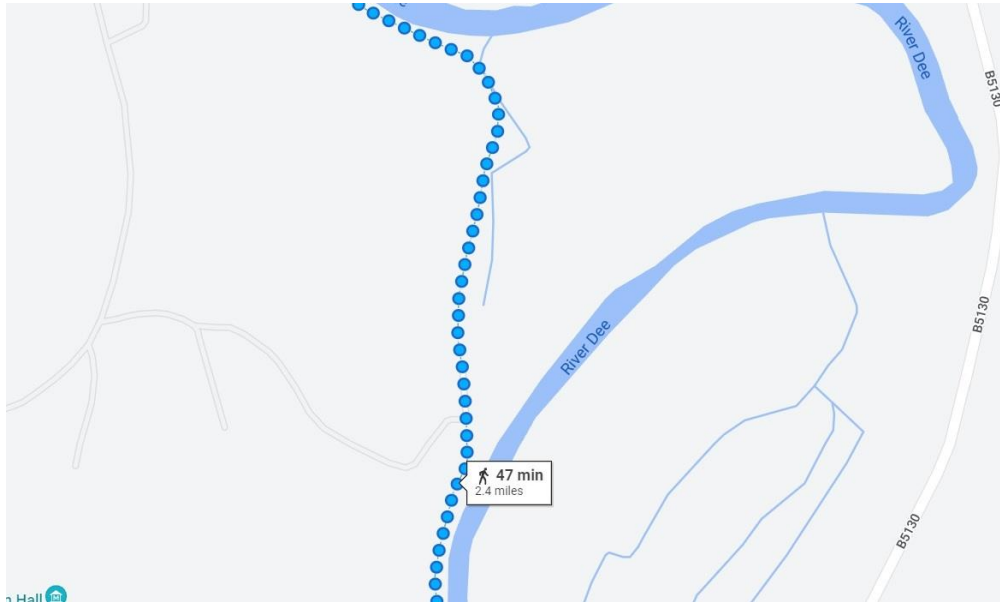


Figure 2 Map courtesy of Google Maps

Follow the footpath as it departs from the river.... Then rejoin the river till you reach the Iron Bridge.

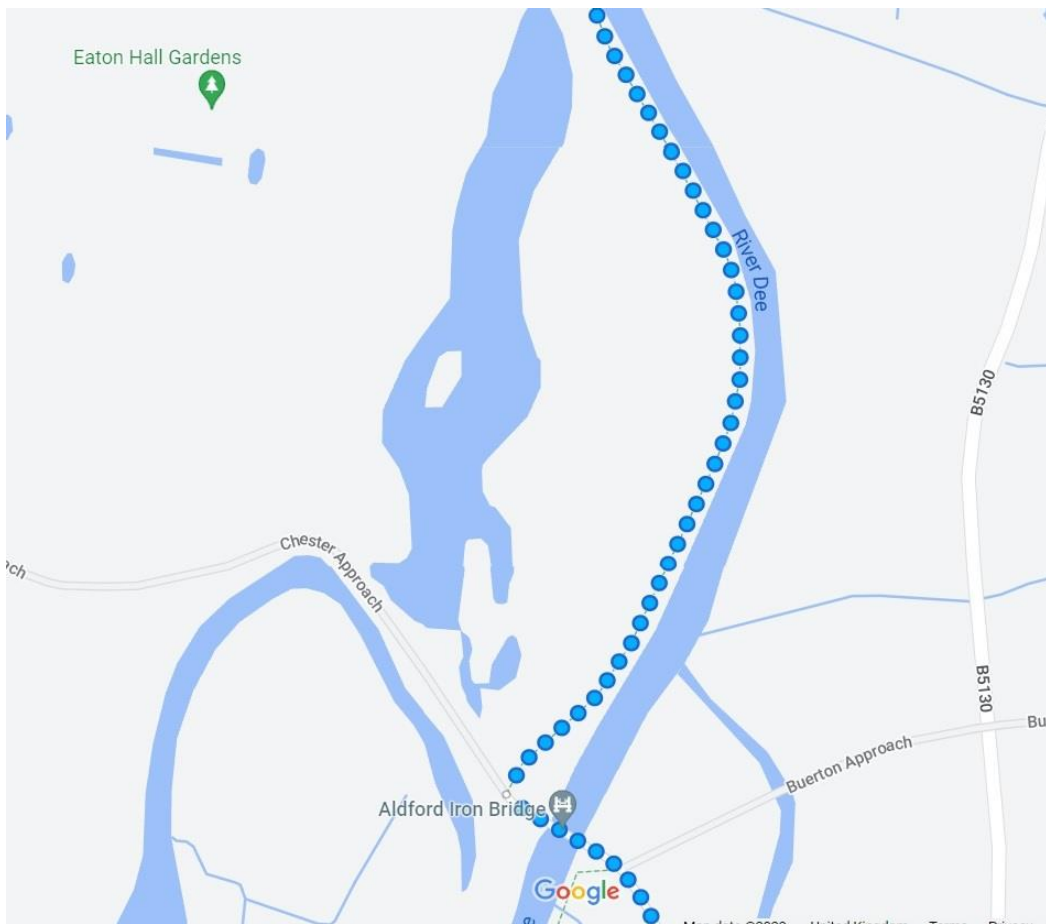


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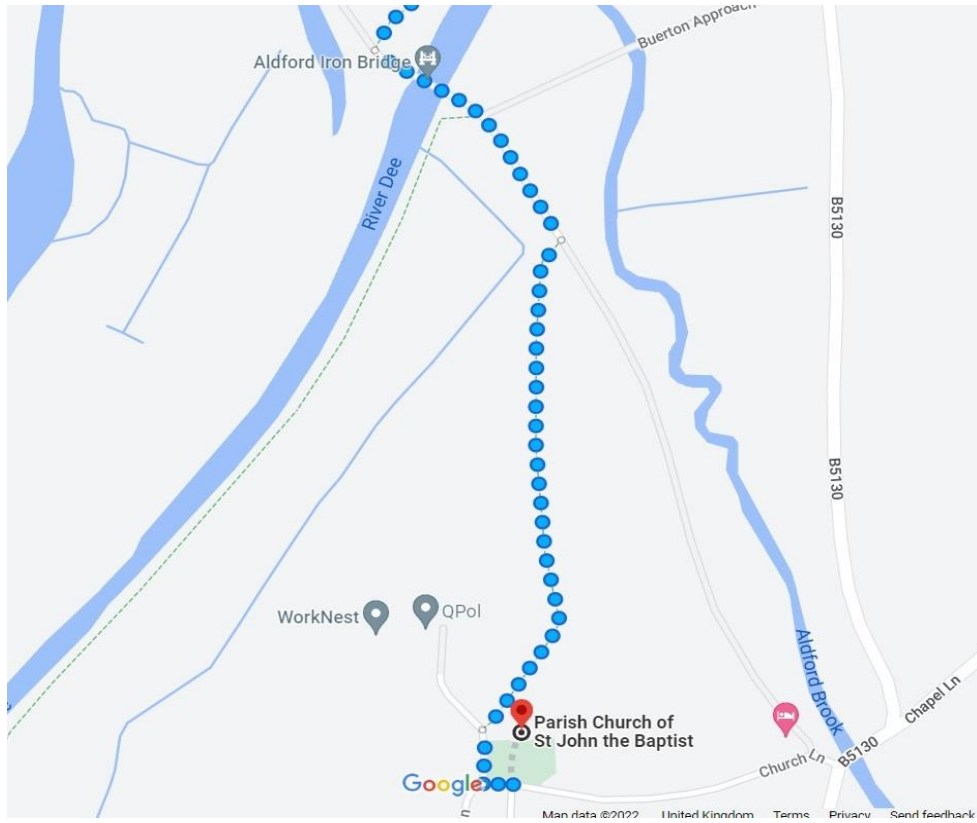


Figure 4 Map courtesy of Google Maps

Cross over the Iron Bridge and follow the footpath to the Parish Church of St John the Baptist in Aldford. Inside you will be able to view the beautiful stain glass window by Edward Burne-Jones.

