

# Ackworth Parish Magazine

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THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT  
High Ackworth

and

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, Wakefield Road

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## SUNDAY SERVICES

- St. Cuthbert's :** 8-00 a.m. Holy Eucharist.  
11.00 a.m. Mattins and Holy Eucharist  
4-00 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.  
Sunday School at 10 a m in Church
- All Saints :** 9-30 a.m. Sung Eucharist.  
6-30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

## WEEKDAY SERVICES

- St. Cuthbert's :**  
Tuesday at 9-15 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.  
Evensong daily except Monday at 6-30 p.m.
- All Saint's :**  
Wednesday at 9-15 am—Holy Eucharist  
Friday at 7-30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.  
(Any variations are noted in the Diary for the Month.)
- The Howard Room, Low Ackworth**  
Wednesday at 7-30 p.m. --- Holy Eucharist

## HOLY BAPTISM

- At St. Cuthbert's—the first Sunday of every month at 4 p.m.  
and the second Sunday at 11 a.m.  
At All Saints'—the second Sunday at 3 p.m.

## CHURCHING OF WOMEN, HOLY MATRIMONY AND CHRISTIAN BURIAL

By arrangement with the Rector.

## WHEN CAN WE SEE THE RECTOR ?

- At St. Cuthbert's after Evensong every day except Monday.  
At All Saints' on Tuesdays between 8 p.m. and 8.30 p.m.

## THE MISSION ROOM

All bookings should be made with Mr. W J. Jarrett of 11 Orchard Drive (Tel. Hemsworth 611552).

## CHOIR PRACTICE

At St. Cuthbert's on Friday at 6-15 p.m.

## THE MOTHERS' UNION

Monthly meeting the last Thursday at All Saints' at 7-15 p.m.  
Corporate Communion the following Wednesday at All Saints'  
at 9-15 a.m.

## FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Club for children up to 7 years old, in the Mission Room  
every Thursday at 3.45 p.m.

## DIARY FOR THE MONTH

February 6:h—SEPTUAGESIMA. THE QUEEN'S ACCESSION  
Services as usual

February 13th—SEXAGESIMA Services as usual  
3 p m Holy Baptism (All Saints')

Thurs February 17th—8 p m Tupperware Party (Mission Room)

February 20th—QUINQUAGESIMA Services as usual

February 22nd—Shrove Tuesday 9-15 a m Holy Eucharist (St. Cuthbert's) 10 a m — 12 noon Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy Stall in aid of 'Missions to Seamen' at 24 Mount Pleasant (by kind invitation of Mr and Mrs J W Upright)

February 23rd—ASH WEDNESDAY 7-30 a m Holy Eucharist (St. Cuthbert's) 9-15 a m Holy Eucharist (All Saints') 7-30 p m Ho'y Eucharist (St. Cuthbert's)

Thurs February 24th—ST. MATTHIAS 7-30 a m Holy Eucharist (St. Cuthbert's) 7-15 p m Mothers' Union Service (St. Cuthbert's) followed by meeting in High Ackworth Social Centre.

February 27th—LENT I Services as usual

Monday February 28th—7-45 p m Parochial Church Council (Mission Room)

March 6th —LENT II Services as usual

March 13:h—LENT III Services as usual

March 20:h—MOTHERING SUNDAY ST. CUTHBERT'S DAY  
Services in the morning as usual  
3 p m Family Service at St Cuthbert's

## THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Mrs Jupp has taken over as parish secretary of the Children's Society from Mrs Cooper, to whom we are very grateful for the work she has done in this capacity for quite a long time. The boxes are due to be opened in February and it would be appreciated if box holders could let Mrs Jupp have them. Perhaps some of those who have not previously had a box would like to have one. The idea is to have as many people as possible in the parish giving a penny a week.

## THE MISSIONS TO SEAMEN

Mrs Upright will be holding a Coffee Morning at her home 24 Mount Pleasant, on Shrove Tuesday February 22nd, in aid of the Missions to Seamen. We hope that this effort will be well supported as "Missions to Seamen" is one of those societies doing a reliable and essential job which tend to suffer whenever there is a special appeal for some more obviously urgent need.

## LENT

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday February 23rd. We hope so to use this season of special discipline as to grow closer to our Lord Jesus Christ. All the acts of worship and self-denial that we undertake are directed to this end. We hope to become more useful and efficient servants of the Lord. There will, as usual be a course of sermons in both churches on the Sunday evenings in Lent. There will also be a course of sermons on Wednesday evenings at the Howard School, except on Ash Wednesday when the service will be at St. Cuthbert's. There will be an informal Lent Service at St. Cuthbert's on Thursdays at 7-15 p.m. This service we hope to use to discuss questions that people ask. If there are any questions you would like to ask will you write them on a piece of paper and hand them in.

Tins will be available at the back of the Churches for our Lent savings. We are making a special effort this year to raise money for medical missions in Africa—the children are trying to help a Babies' Home at Mampong in Ghana, and the adults to train a doctor in Zululand.

## THE RECTOR'S LETTER

The Rectory,  
Ackworth.

My dear People,

If ever I were the castaway on Desert Island Discs I should one answer ready, an answer to two questions—'What would you most miss on your island?' and 'what would you be most glad to get away from?' The answer would be 'The A628'

The A628 has played a great part in my life. In my previous parish it was like a river which one had frequently to cross, and the victims of which one tried to comfort and sometimes alas, one had to bury. If ever I write my memoirs I shall call the section on Lundwood and Ackworth 'Up and Down the A628.' (The way things are going the final section may have to be called 'Down and Out on the A628')

On the Ackworth stretch of the road pedestrians are not very numerous. I thought that by walking about I should soon get to know a lot of people. I got to know a lot of car numbers! But gradually I have made many friendships on the A628. I am

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## FROM THE BISHOP

I write this having just attended weekday Evensong for the last time as a Residentiary Canon in Winchester Cathedral. Before the service I slipped into Prior Silkstede's Chapel where lies buried the great Seventeenth Century Churchman and Angler, Izaak Walton. I wanted to have another look at his grave and at the window which was placed in his memory in 1914 by the fishermen of England and America. (This is a favourite spot for visitors and a few weeks ago an American tourist gazed at the window and then placed his rods on Walton's grave. "I guess I'm the first American ever to have his rods blessed by Izaak Walton," he claimed proudly. "No Sir, replied an unimpressed Verger, "A Visitor from Maine laid his rods there only last month"). One of the scenes in the window shows Izaak Walton on the bank of the River Itchen leaning against a tree treading peacefully, with his fishing tackle beside him. Beneath are the words (from 1 Thessalonians 4: 11) of one of his favourite texts: "Study to be Quiet."

That text might serve as a useful pointer for our keeping of Lent.

We are now aware that the noise of Air and Road Traffic is as much a form of pollution as the smog and smoke that we knew in our towns before smokeless zones were created twenty years ago. Noise, and the human stress that results from it, are enemies of the spirit. (It is

significant that the word "pandemonium" refers to the din and confusion of all the demons). We need silence if we are to live fully human lives. For it is in quiet and stillness that men think and read, write and paint, walk and fish, love and brave suffering, pray and wait on God. Man is what he does with his silence!

Yet we have to study in order to be quiet, for so often we are afraid of silence. We seek and welcome distractions. Rather than sit alone in an empty room we switch on the radio or record player. Our over-activism suggests that we are frightened of facing the reality either of ourselves or of God. We have lost the proper rhythm of withdrawal and engagement, of being and doing, and our lives have become distorted in consequence.

So Lent gives us an opportunity of regaining the necessary balance, if we "study to be quiet." And I make three suggestions with this in mind.

First, that we deliberately try to set aside five or ten minutes every day in order to be silent. "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46: 10). Silence is not an end in itself, but an opportunity to wait upon God. How we use the silence will depend on how we find it most natural to pray. Some will prefer to read a Bible passage and reflect upon it. Others will want to concentrate their attention on a symbol or a word and through it receive Christ into their hearts.

the life of all who knew her. In the last two years, and not least in the last few weeks we have learned from her many lessons.

cesan Board of Finance, on which his financial experience and ability have been a tremendous help. He has always been a close friend and supporter of Vicars of Huddersfield. A man honoured by the Community of Huddersfield, of whose Bench he was for many years, Chairman, he was known by all to be a loyal Churchman.

Mr. Rodgers always had a great concern about Clergy stipends and did great work in the Huddersfield Deanery in calling the laity to contribute generously to the stipends of their incumbents. A close personal friend of mine for 30 years, I pay my tribute to him for his integrity, kindness, and outstanding service to the Church which gave him his faith.

ERIC TREACY.

### DEPRESSION

A one day seminar for hospital chaplains and other clergy will be held on Thursday, 24th February at Ripon Diocesan House, Barrowby. In the morning the programme will include a case discussion, and information about the various types of treatment : including the effects of drugs and their relative importance in treatment and rehabilitation.

After lunch the groups will consider the effects of depression on relationships within the family, and there will be a discussion on depression within the theological framework. The cost of the seminar (including lunch) will be £5.50. Closing date for applications is Friday, 11th Feb-

ruary. Further details from Mrs Linda Shelton, Mind, c/o 69 Division Street, Sheffield S1 3FA Telephone Sheffield 24041 extension 17.

R.P

### WEEKEND ON EVANGELISM

Scargill House, Wharfedale

1st—3rd April, 1977

Led by the Revd. Canon J. G. Hunter (Archbishops' Adviser on Evangelism) and the Scargill Community. Cost: up to £9.50 per person, according to age and accommodation. Booking fee £1 by February 28th. Enquiries and bookings through :— The Revd. D. E. Peet, The Vicarage, Darton, Barnsley S75 5DH. Tel. Darton 2242.

### CONFIRMATIONS

#### February

|         |                        |         |
|---------|------------------------|---------|
| Sun. 6  | Sandal Magna           | 10.00 P |
| Sun. 13 | Heckmondwike           | 9.30 W  |
| Sat. 19 | Rishworth<br>School    | 11.00 W |
| Sun. 20 | Birkby St.<br>Cuthbert | 10.30 P |
|         | Hanging Heaton         | 6.30 W  |

### RESIGNATION

The Revd. C. Kemp, Vicar of Sandal St. Catherine.

### INSTITUTION

Ripponden —  
22nd February.

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But gradually I have made many friendships on the A628, I am

glad when people stop me to ask or tell me something. A parish priest is never too busy to speak to people, and it has not yet become necessary to make an appointment for office hours.

To save time I sometimes ride a bicycle. One great advantage of this is that even though one may not be enjoying it all that much a lot of people in their motor cars are made by the cyclist's wobbles sometimes to slow down to something near the speed limit on the narrower, more twisty bits of the road. I am always glad when anybody stops me to speak to me when I am on my bicycle, but I prefer it to happen when I am going uphill rather than downhill.

Although some people say they would be afraid to ride a bicycle on the Pontefract-Barnsley Road, I find it far more terrifying to drive a car. Occasionally I have nightmares in which the car behind me instead of driving 3 inches behind my rear window actually drives straight through. Never in my life have I been so closely pursued as up and down on the A628. And the pursuers have such angry ugly expressions! What very important people they all must be, and what weighty matters they must be that have to be seen to so urgently! Very often they are to be seen at week-ends taking their pleasure, presumably. I have noticed from a prolonged and careful study on both the Barnsley and the Ackworth stretches of the road that these people look even angrier on Sundays when they are enjoying themselves than they do when they are saving British industry from ruin on the weekdays.

On the whole the road fascinates me as much as it horrifies me. I hope it isn't a sort of death wish!

Your sincere friend and Rector,

Alec Courtley

### **MR NORMAN SAWYER**

We send our sympathy to Mrs Sawyer and her family on the death of Mr Sawyer. We know what a gap there will be in their lives, not only because of the long years of devoted care he has had in his physical helplessness, but also because of his great humour and his alert, robust intelligence which never faltered. We know that Mrs Sawyer will continue to find strength and purpose in her Christian faith.

### **MRS KIM CLEAVE**

Ken Cleave and his family are much in our thoughts and prayers at this time. They have the comfort of knowing that though Kim's life on earth was so cruelly cut short when her personality and her spirit had so much to offer she has already, if only in the manner of her dying, made a great contribution to the life of all who knew her. In the last two years, and not least in the last few weeks we have learned from her many lessons.

Her courage in the face of death was inspiring; her joy was a revelation. It was quite clearly a gift of God — no complaints, only complete trust. May she now rest in peace, and may Ken, Peter, Darren, and Donna continue to find strength in Christ.

### **MRS ETHEL MOXON**

Mrs Moxon was a great friend of St. Cuthbert's. Although she had lived at Kinsley for some years she always showed a lively interest in our church life. We shall long remember her for her graciousness and her contentment. May she rest in peace

### **MRS EDITH BEAVIS**

The death of Mrs Beavis came as a mercy to her and all who cared for her. We shall now remember her as the beautiful, charming lady she was. She has been greatly missed at All Saints' during the 18 months she has been in hospital. A faithful worshipper and a loyal worker she made a great contribution. We send our loving sympathy to her children and their families.

### **THE MOTHERS' UNION**

February 24th—Thursday 7-15 pm Monthly Service (St. Cuthbert's) followed by monthly meeting in the High Ackworth Social Centre. The Rector will be the speaker.

K Cooper

### **FREEWILL OFFERING ENVELOPES**

The new series of Freewill Offering envelopes will begin on the First Sunday in March. The envelopes will be distributed during February. Those who have previously been using the envelopes will automatically receive the new series unless they request otherwise. If you have not previously had envelopes and would like to have them now would you please ask Mrs P G Hurst or the Rector. The use of the envelopes week by week ensures the parish a regular income even when we are prevented from attending church.

### **ALL SAINTS' CHURCH WINDOWS**

We gratefully acknowledge a gift of £50 to the All Saints' Church Window Fund in memory of Clifford Middleton. (This item was printed in last month's magazine under the wrong heading. For this we apologize)

We are also grateful for a further donation of £25 to the Windows Fund from Mrs Cooper's Tuesday Coffee Mornings.

## SLIMMING CLUB

The Slimming Club which meets in the Mission Room on Tuesday evenings has raised money for the Heating Fund and latterly for the Windows Fund. We are grateful for this useful contribution. As the ladies say their loss is the Church's gain

Details of the meetings can be obtained from Mrs Joyce Evans of 33 Moor Top Avenue.

## THE PARISH REGISTERS

### Holy Baptism

#### St. Cuthbert's

January 16th—Mark Edwin Wi'es of 4 Mendip Drive, Brightmet, Bolton, Lancashire

#### All Saints'

December 19th—Simon Martin Field of 32 Chiltern Drive

December 19th—Steven Michael Clayworth of 24 Chapel Garth

### Christian Burial

December 30th—Norman Kilvington of 3 Stone Villas, Hardaker Lane aged 63 years (Cremation)

December 31st—George Desborough of 2 Hillside Road aged 92 years (Cremation)

January 12th—Norman Sawyer of Castle Syke Lodge aged 77 years (Cremation)

January 19th—Mavis Ruth Cleave of 24 Bell Lane aged 37 years

January 19th—Ethel Moxon of Willow Grange, Kinsley (formerly of 2 Townend Avenue, Low Ackworth) aged 93 years (Cremation)

January 21st—Beatrice Watts of 6 Doncaster Road aged 81 years

January 24th—Edith Mary Beavis of 15 Wakefield Road aged 81 years (Cremation)

## SUNDAY COMMUNICANTS

|               | St. Cuthbert's | All Saints' |
|---------------|----------------|-------------|
| December 19th | 26             | 20          |
| Christmas Day | 196            | 27          |
| December 26th | 27             | 14          |
| January 2nd   | 30             | 12          |
| January 9th   | 32             | 22          |
| January 16th  | 31             | 17          |

## WEEKDAY COMMUNICANTS

| Week ending   | St. Cuthbert's | All Saints' | Low Ack. |
|---------------|----------------|-------------|----------|
| December 18th | 3              | 14          | 6        |
| December 24th | 3              | 17          | 10       |
| January 1st   | 3              | 16          | 3        |
| January 8th   | 4              | 22          | 8        |
| January 15th  | 4              | 14          | 7        |

## COLLECTIONS

|               | St. Cuthbert's | All Saints' | Low Ack. |
|---------------|----------------|-------------|----------|
| December 19th | £16-79         | £10-70      | £1-00    |
| December 26th | £84-82         | £21-03      | £2-60    |
| January 2nd   | £24-35         | £ 5-65      | £0-70    |
| January 9th   | £13-57         | £10-05      | £1-20    |
| January 16th  | £15-79         | £ 5-25      | £1-10    |

## ALTAR FLOWERS

|               | St. Cuthbert's    | All Saints'    |
|---------------|-------------------|----------------|
| February 6th  | Mrs J D Smith     | Mrs J Flanagan |
| February 13th | Mrs C W Smith     | Mrs M J Taylor |
| February 20th | Mrs C H Hurst     | Mrs W Alderman |
| February 27th | LENT — No Flowers |                |

## BRASS CLEANING

February—Mrs H Kirk and Mrs C R Pogson

March—Mrs R Dunnington

## A PRAYER FOR PERSEVERANCE

Grant, good Lord, that I may for thy sake and love forgo all things, be they never so great, that I may do all good things be they never so hard, that I may suffer all pains, be they never so painful, and that for thy only love and for thy sake, I may persevere herein till the end (William Peryn-'Spiritual Exercises')

## A LENT PRAYER

O God, who by thy Word dost marvellously work out the reconciliation of mankind, grant, we beseech Thee that by this holy fast we may both be subjected to thee with all our hearts, and be united to one another in prayer to thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen