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DIARY FOR THE MONTH.

January

- I. THE NAMING OF JESUS. NEW YEAR'S DAY.
9.15a.m. Holy Eucharist (St. Cuthbert's).
4. CHRISTMAS II. Services as usual.
6. Tues. THE EPIPHANY. 9.15a.m. Holy Eucharist
(St. Cuthbert's).
7p.m. Holy Eucharist (All Saints').
10. Sat. 3p.m. Sunday School Party (Mission Room).
- II. EPIPHANY I. Services as usual.
IIa.m. Family Communion.
(This service will be attended by the Sunday School children and their parents).
12. Mon. 7.45p.m. Parochial Church Council
(Howard School).
18. EPIPHANY II. Beginning of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Services at usual times.
25. THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL. EPIPHANY III.
At St. Cuthbert's - 8a.m. Holy Communion.
10a.m. Sunday School.
IIa.m. Sung Eucharist.
At All Saints' - 9.30a.m. Parish Communion.
At the Friends' Meeting House, Ackworth School -
7p.m. United Service.
29. Thurs. 7.15p.m. Mothers' Union (All Saints').

February

- I. EPIPHANY IV. Services as usual.
3p.m. Evensong with Holy Baptism (St. Cuthbert's).
2. Mon. PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE.
9.15a.m. Holy Eucharist (All Saints').
4. Wed. 4.30p.m. Howard School Governors' Meeting.

HOLY EUCHARIST ON THURSDAYS AT 10a.m.

At Chiltern Court - January 15, 29, February 12, 26.

At St. Clement's Court - January 8, 22, February 5, 19.

CHRISTIAN UNITY.

The last day of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 25th., will be marked by the holding of the United Service in the Friends' Meeting House, at 7p.m. There will be a Roman Catholic preacher. These by now traditional services in the Meeting House are a very agreeable feature of the Ackworth year. We are grateful to the Society of Friends and to Ackworth School for their continued hospitality.

Because of the widespread feeling that our observance of this Week of Prayer should not be confined to Sunday there will be an additional service of prayer at All Saints' on Thursday, January 22nd., at 7.30p.m. This service will have some of the features of the service held last year at the Church of our Lady of Lourdes.

It is important that we should pray together. It is equally important that we should pray during the week in our own churches and in our own homes.

'Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
holy and undivided Trinity,
three persons in one God:
inspire your whole Church, founded upon this faith,
to witness to the perfect unity of your love,
One God, now and for ever.'

WEEKDAY SERVICES.

The Wednesday evening Eucharists at the Howard School will start again on January 14th., at 7.30p.m.

There will be no Friday morning services at All Saints' during January.

THE RECTOR'S LETTER.

The Rectory,
Ackworth.

My dear People,

Although my own inclination is to apologize for mentioning money, I know that I must not. The systematic and sacrificial giving of money for the Church's work is one of the essential characteristics of the life of the dedicated Christian. We are asked to set aside a proportion of our income to be used for the work of Christ. By ensuring that a fixed proportion of all that we have is used for specifically Christian purposes we remind ourselves that all our money and everything that we have is only in trust for God. We are stewards. It is with that in mind that we work out what the standard of our giving must be.

In giving to the Church we should not think primarily of the buildings. The burden of maintaining and restoring old buildings which this parish and so many more have to bear is an extra burden, a heavy and an important one, indeed an urgently pressing one, but not the main one. The main call on the giving of Church people is the maintenance of a full time parochial ministry.

The Church would still be the Church if there were no full time, professional clergy. A priest is still a priest if he has to earn his living by working at a secular job. More and more men are being ordained to serve as non-stipendiary priests. We thank God that they respond to this vocation. Invaluable, however, as their contribution will increasingly become, it would be a weakening of the Church's effectiveness if we were to lose the full-time pastoral ministry. Recent years have shown that the shortage of priests is causing great problems. The great strength of the Church of England has been its pastoral ministry in town and country. As more and more parishes cease to have the exclusive attention of full time priests the mission of the Church to the people suffers. Pastoral interest in and care for the people cannot adequately be shown. As the pastoral work is less and less adequately done, and as fewer and fewer clergy do more and more things but have less opportunity of being useful to people, and as the whole Church seems to be in danger of becoming more and more bureaucratic, so fewer men will see the point of committing their lives to an exclusively pastoral ministry.

It is vital that our standard of giving should reflect our desire for an effective parochial ministry, and that our giving should be decided and done in a context of prayer for a large number of priestly vocations.



Our Bishop WRITES.....

THE BRITISH ARE A KINDLY PEOPLE

When the earthquake struck in Italy many longed to help. Members of the Round Table organising relief were overwhelmed by the number of gifts they received. Earlier the Algerian earthquake appeal fund reached almost £1 million. In the late summer the harrowing pictures of famine in Uganda and Karamoja won an immediate response from viewers.

In an emergency our hearts respond generously to human need. What is more difficult is changing the basic structures, which keep some people at a permanent disadvantage. In Britain in the last century people came to realise that charity, or philanthropy for the poor was not enough. In this century, we have tried to develop a more just and caring society, so that the sick, the unemployed, the pensioners should receive help as of right. The social benefits are their entitlement; they have already paid for them through their taxes.

Looking abroad, we are glad to subscribe to charities like Christian Aid to relieve suffering and to help poorer countries become more self-supporting. Recently, a number of such charities have been telling us that charitable giving though vital is not enough. There must be change in the economic structures of the world if some

of the poorer countries are to survive. This view has been reinforced by the Brandt commission report which highlights the massive problems of the poorer countries and points out that it is in the interest of the Northern countries, as well as the Southern, that there should be changes. They want a triangular arrangement linking the re-investment of the O P E C countries' revenues with the technology of the North and the needs of the South.

The scale of suffering in the South has been described by Archbishop Runcie: "For every 10 children born in poverty, 2 die within a year, another before the age of 5 and only 5 survive."



Sr. Millicent Olga of the Cathedral teaching some deaf adults the art of lip reading.

Photo: Wakefield Express

OUR BISHOP WRITES -

to the age of 40. Malnutrition affects millions". In November our General Synod passed a motion regretting that the Government had reduced aid to the poorer countries. Yet a Gallup poll has shown that only 13% of the population believe that overseas aid should be increased, while 45% believe it should be cut. The generosity which moves our hearts to give help in an emergency also needs to inform our minds to ensure that those who live in stark conditions of continuous emergency should get a far better deal. The Gospel commits us to the needs of the world's poor.

✚ COLIN WAKEFIELD

FOOTNOTE

Mrs. Gill Ashley-Smith, a member of New North Road Baptist Church in Huddersfield spoke to the Diocesan Board of Mission at its November meeting about the work of the **World Development Movement**, a campaigning and politically lobbying group which, unlike the relief organisations was not fund-raising but seeking to educate people about world poverty and change government's policies.

TEACHING ABOUT THE THIRD WORLD

Mrs. Ruth Davis, a committed Methodist living at Garforth, has been appointed to work for one year in church schools in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Leeds and the Anglican Diocese of Wakefield. Her work will be Development Education, and this will take her to Middle and Senior Schools in the two Dioceses. This imaginative plan is an attempt to help children understand the needs of the people of the Third World, and to make resources available. She will be funded jointly by the two Dioceses and Christian Aid.

Y. O. P.

Parishes in the Wakefield and Pontefract areas are taking part in the **Youth Opportunities Project** of the Manpower Services Commission. 25 parishes in the Wakefield Metropolitan District have promised work for 20 young unemployed school leavers and three adult Supervisors who were out of work. The scheme lasts for 6 months and the teams will be involved in re-pointing, dry stone walling, laying drives and helping to clear graveyards. The scheme is administered from Church House, and similar schemes could be developed in other areas of the Diocese.



LENT ON Radio 4

Every Sunday evening in Lent there will be the chance for house groups all over the country to join in a Lent Course on Radio 4. The Archbishop of York, Dr. Stuart Blanch, will be giving lectures on some of the Ten Commandments - do not murder, commit adultery, steal, bear false witness, covet. This will be followed by a time for questions, replies from the Archbishop and questions for the house groups. The whole programme will be repeated on Radio Leeds on the following Tuesday. Details from Radio Leeds.



Every Sunday on Radio Leeds there is 'And Now for the Good News', 1.05 - 1.45 pm, on 388 metres.

LEPTON



Lepton, high above Huddersfield, is like many dormitory villages struggling to keep an identity with a greatly increased and mobile population. Leptoners now vary from hill farmers to company executives; they give their name to a smart, ecumenical monthly magazine.

The vicar, **Bruce Hunt**, and his wife Sheila have been in Lepton eleven years, and have seen through a long-term commitment entitled 'One Step Forward,' which started in 1972 with a visit from David Watson of York. One of those who got involved in a house group said that she has 'discovered a great increase of fellowship and love in the Church and a deeper and stronger faith.' Spiritual growth and practical service have gone together in much of the renewal in Lepton. Church members have worked hard to see their church building re-ordered - from a traditional, dark and rigid vault to a light, flexible and welcoming family Church, with meeting and counselling rooms, 'a building which expresses the worship we want to offer God.'

With the re-ordering has come a sharing in leadership, and a team of six now acts as 'a think and pray tank,' exercising pastoral care, and leading worship, dance and drama. But one big question has yet to be tackled: **How can - we in practical ways - share the Gospel in our neighbourhood?** But that is the big question for the Church in the Eighties.



International Year of Disabled People

1981 is the International Year of Disabled People - and the Archbishop of Canterbury is a Vice-Patron. He writes:

The Year, proclaimed by the United Nations, sets out to change and improve attitudes towards disabled people, enabling them to be more integrated in society and enjoy the same opportunities that able-bodied people take for granted.'

"Disabled people" in this context means those who are physically handicapped, deaf, hard of hearing, blind, partially sighted, mentally handicapped or mentally ill. It also includes handicaps such as epilepsy and those linked to ageing.'

The Church has a major contribution to make to the Year: Are our Churches easily accessible? Could more loop systems be installed to help those with hearing difficulties? Can disabled people participate fully in church life, both as members of the clergy and the congregation? IYDP is an opportunity for us to consider these issues in partnership with disability organisations.'



PRAYING AROUND ALMONDBURY

The Almondbury Deanery Synod recently decided to have their own Calendar of Prayer for its dozen parishes - one parish a month; and on one particular Sunday in that month to encourage people from all over the Deanery to visit the parish of the month, and join with them for their evening service.



DON'T FORGET - Make sure your Parish is represented at the Diocesan Service of Thanksgiving and Commitment in the Cathedral at 3 p.m. on January 4th.



SEE-LINK-NEWS

CATHEDRAL CHORISTERS WANTED.

There are vacancies for Choral Scholarships at Wakefield Cathedral, tenable at Queen Elizabeth Grammar School. Applications to the Headmaster of the Junior School by February 7th. The boys need to be aged 7-10 and have the ability to pitch note accurately. Ahead is an exciting programme of services, recitals, broadcasts and foreign tours

A SUMMER SCHOOL FOR CHURCH MUSICIANS is planned for 27 July -3 August at Pocklington near York. Tuition will be by superb choirtrainers: there will be exciting music and a Festival service in York Minster, with the opportunity of meeting fellow Church musicians from all over the country. Details from Geoffrey Lockwood, Holmfirth 3613.

RETREAT TO THE NORTH

The Fellowship of Contemplative Prayer is running retreats in the North throughout 1981, including mixed retreats at Ilkley (Feb. 6-8), Alnwick (27 Feb.-1 March), Horbury (20-22 March) and Dunblane (21-24 April). Details: Ann Dodson, St. John's Vicarage, Holmfirth, Huddersfield.

CORAT SUMMER SCHOOLS

In 1981 CORAT will hold two Summer Schools as part of their in-service and continuing education programme. The Summer School in Rome will be held from 18-30 June on the theme *Christian Spirit and Sense*, and the Canterbury School from 16-28 July on the theme *What Do You Think of the Christ?* A limited number of bursaries are available. Details from CORAT, 15 Dover Street, Canterbury, CT1 3HD.

PARCEVALL HALL

NEEDS A COOK: Applicants should be reasonably self-sufficient and enjoy country life: own transport desirable. Salary negotiable (approx. £3,200): board and lodging provided. Details from the Warden, Parcevall Hall, Skyreholme, Skipton BD23 6DG.

MARKET PLACE

WANTED -CLECKHEATON: Choirboys' cassocks (red, any number). Tel. Revd. Malcolm Inman, Cleckheaton 874896.

FOR SALE - HECKMONDWIKE: Open Church pews. Tel. Canon Keith Grain, Heckmondwike 405881.

FOR SALE TODMORDEN:

Benches 10 ft. x 7 1/4 ft., low benches 8 ft. long, 25 stacking chairs. Tel. Revd. John Myers (Cornholme Vic. Todmorden 3604.

U.S.P.G. Market Places In

January: in the Church Halls at Paddock (15th.), Ravensthorpe (16th.) Halifax Parish Church (21st.), Purslow (26th.), St. Edward's Barnsley (28th.)

PRICE INCREASE

The Diocesan Board of Finance at its November meeting decided that the price of the Diocesan News for 1981 to the parishes should be increased from £1.00 to £1.25 per 100 from this issue. In future the Board will consider the fixing of the price at an earlier meeting.

People

CONGRATULATIONS to **Albert Stockwell** and **Arthur Cryer**, who on 21st December completed 50 years each as servers at Todmorden Parish Church.



APPOINTMENTS

The Revd. **Seymour McCarraher**, the Priest-in-Charge of St. George's, Christchurch in the Diocese of Winchester is to be the Vicar of Darton.

The Revd. **David Lewthwaite**, the Vicar of Knottingley is to be the Vicar of Maulden in the Diocese of St. Albans.

The Revd. **Norman Fox**, the Rector of Clayton West with High Hoyland is to be the Vicar of Knottingley.

RESIGNATION

The Revd. **Raymond Lister Booth** retired at the end of 1980 as the Priest-in-Charge of Whitwood, Castleford.

INSTITUTIONS

The Right Revd. Patrick Harris to Kirkheaton: 9 January: CW
The Revd. Seymour McCarraher to Darton: 30 January: CW

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The Alternative Service Book has caused flutters of excited horror in many quarters. Its publication is neither the end of the world nor the beginning of a wonderful new era. It is a book which we would do well to buy for ourselves and for our friends, and having bought to use. There are many good and helpful things in it. It should be very useful in our private devotions. We must be thankful that such a book has at last been published. It is not perfect, nor will there ever be a perfect Prayer Book. We must not forget that the 1662 Prayer Book has not for a very long time met the real needs of a living Church, and that it has in practice had to be supplemented by other material. It is a tragedy that a full revision has had to wait until now. What riches we could have had if the masters of language in all generations had been able to make their contribution. English did not cease to be a beautiful language after 1662. In this century there have been great writers of English, and there will be again. Great writers may not have had much part in the making of the Alternative Service Book, but that may turn out to be a blessing. The language will not stand the test of time and therefore the next revision will be easier. The 1662 Book will still enrich our worship. Morning and Evening Prayer and the Psalter, I imagine, will continue to be widely used. The Collects it would be madness not to keep in regular use.

The objections to the new Book are mostly, I am sure, caused by the unintelligent way in which so many proposed changes have been presented over the last two decades. In liturgical practice, as in everything else that matters, real change is brought about and accepted by level-headed people who have their roots nourished by the treasures of the past but are determined to use that which is healthy of the present. It is the tragedy of our time that a small minority of unwise people have been able to destroy the confidence of those who while praising God for the glorious food of our unmatched English Prayer Book have seen the need for that which will satisfy the spiritual needs for which the 1662 Book for a long time has not been able to cater.

Let not our understandable anger at the unintelligent antics of the recent past be allowed to stand in the way of our appreciation of what the new Book offers us, in addition to the glories of the Prayer Book.

Let us not fail to thank God for the Prayer Book which has schooled us and encouraged so much of what is best in English life. Let us resolve that never again will we allow the self-styled progressives to endanger by their absurdly exaggerated claims the enrichment of our worship and our lives by helpful new resources.

Alan Gaulty

THE MOTHERS' UNION.

January

7. Corporate Communion at All Saints' at 9.15a.m.
14. Wed. Mothers' Union committee meeting at 27, Orchard Drive at 2p.m.
29. Thurs. Monthly service at All Saints' at 7.15p.m.
Afterwards our speaker will be Miss A. Robinson.

Kitty Cooper.

ALTAR FLOWERS.

St. Cuthbert's.

All Saints'.

January

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| 4. Mrs. C.H. Hurst. | Mrs. J. McDonald. |
| 11. Mrs. J. Kidson. | Mrs. D. Precious. |
| 18. Mrs. P.G. Hurst. | Mrs. J. Turton. |
| 25. Mrs. P. McWilliam. | Mrs. G. Cooper. |

February

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| 1. Mrs. J.D. Smith. | Mrs. C. Bailey. |
| 8. Mrs. D.R. Roberts. | Mrs. J. Flanagan. |
| 15. Vacant. | Mrs. M.J. Taylor. |
| 22. Mrs. K. Storey. | Mrs. W. Alderman. |

March

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| 1. Mrs. M. Clayton-Smith. | Vacant. |
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There are vacant dates on the Altar Flower rota -
at St. Cuthbert's on February 15th., and
August 23rd.,
and at All Saints' on May 10th., June 7th., July 26th.,
and November 15th.

If you would like to be responsible for the flowers on any of these dates will you please tell Mrs. P.G. Hurst (telephone 704620) or the Rector.

BRASS CLEANING.

January - Mrs. P. McWilliam.

February - Mrs. H. Kirk and Mrs. C.R. Pogson.

March - Mrs. R. Dunnington.

April - Miss D. Crossley and Mrs. F. Nunn.

THE PARISH REGISTERS.

HOLY BAPTISM.

December

6. Kelly Andrea Reid, I, Moor Top Avenue.
7. Joseph Lloyd Dixon, 6, Glen Ridding, Woodthorpe, York.
7. Phillip Andrew Lloyd, 35, Flounders Hill.
7. Brian Christopher David Pearson, I9, Eastbourne Terrace, Baghill, Pontefract.
7. Sindy Michelle Hutchinson, The Mount, Station Road.
7. Tracy Snowden, 7, Millgate.
- I4. Sarah Louise Gillespie, 9A, Bell Lane.
- I4. Nicky Phoenix, 32, Townend Avenue.
- I4. Jodie Hazelgrave, 23, Townend Avenue.
- I4. Shaun Stephen Bouskill, 29, Wakefield Road.

'Almighty God, we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith with all those who have been baptized in your name. Keep us faithful to our baptism, and so make us ready for that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.'

CHRISTIAN BURIAL.

Service at the Crematorium.

November

6. Clara Wildman, I4, Chiltern Court, aged 74 years.
7. Alfred Moxon, 30, Hillside Road, aged 66 years.
- I2. George Grosvenor Kealey, Priory Cottage, aged 76 years.

December

- II. Wilfred Dearnley, I24, Brierley Road, Grimethorpe, aged 7I years.

'May God in his infinite love and mercy bring the whole Church, living and departed in the Lord Jesus, to a joyful resurrection and the fulfilment of his eternal kingdom. Amen.'

SUNDAY SERVICES

St. Cuthbert's :

8.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
11.00 a.m. Parish Communion
3.00 p.m. Evensong and Sermon
Sunday School at 10 a.m. in Church
(except second Sunday —
Family Communion at 11 a.m.)

All Saints' :

9.30 a.m. Parish Communion
6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon

WEEKDAY SERVICES

St. Cuthbert's :

Holy Eucharist on Tuesday at 9.15 a.m.

Evensong daily except Monday and Friday at 6.30 p.m.

All Saints' :

Holy Eucharist on Wednesday at 9.15 a.m. and Friday at
7.30 a.m.

The Howard School, Low Ackworth :

Holy Eucharist on Wednesday at 7.30 p.m.

(Any variations are noted in the Diary for the Month)

HOLY BAPTISM

The first Sunday of every month at 3.00 p.m. and the second
Sunday at 11.00 a.m. at St. Cuthbert's (Fourteen days' notice
should be given to the Rector).

PRIVATE COMMUNION, CHURCHING OF WOMEN, HOLY MATRIMONY, AND CHRISTIAN BURIAL

By arrangement with the Rector.

MOTHERS AND BABIES' GROUP

Every Thursday at 2.30 p.m. at the Social Centre, High
Ackworth.

WHEN CAN WE SEE THE RECTOR ?

After any weekday service, or by calling at the Rectory any
time. To make sure, ring up to make an appointment.

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 7 p.m.

THE MOTHERS' UNION

Monthly service and meeting the last Thursday at 7.15 p.m.
Corporate Communion the following Wednesday at All Saints'
at 9.15 a.m.

BELL RINGING

Tower Practice every Tuesday from 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.