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THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT  
High Ackworth

and

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, Wakefield Road

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### ARRANGEMENTS DURING THE VACANCY.

The full details of services during August are set out in the diary for the month, and this will be the pattern of services throughout the interregnum. The 8 am Holy Communion and the 4 pm Evensong on Sundays at St. Cuthbert's have been suspended.

There will be no choir practice at St. Cuthbert's, at least until after the summer holidays.

Enquiries about Baptisms and Weddings should, in the first instance, be addressed to either of the Churchwardens.

### THE MAGAZINE.

I should like to make a small correction to an announcement in last month's magazine: I have undertaken to edit the magazine during the interregnum only. I would be very pleased indeed if people would write contributions!

If you have anything you want publishing in the magazine, please let me have it by the 15th of the month preceding publication.

### MOTHERS' UNION NOTICES.

Aug. 1st: Corporate Communion at 9.15 am in All Saints' Church.

Aug. 21st: Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy Stall at 27 Orchard Drive. 10 am to 12 noon. All welcome.

Sept. 3rd: Wave of Prayer Service, 9 am to 9.30 am at All Saints'. If you cannot come, please pray for our linked dioceses of Adelaide, The Murray, Willochra, Karamaja and Soroti, and the Mothers' Union worker, Irene Emula.

There will be no monthly service and meeting in August.

The Mothers' Union hopes to organise a trip to the Yorkshire Dales and Moors on Wednesday, September 12th, if enough people are interested. If you wish to go, please give your name to Mrs M.E. Hardy (Tel. Hemsworth 613085) or any Mothers' Union member. A deposit will be asked for with each booking.

## FR. COURTLEY'S INDUCTION.

On Wednesday 18th July, more than sixty people from the parish of Ackworth travelled by coach, mini-bus and car to witness Fr. Courtley inducted as Team Rector of East Farnworth and Kearsley. He was pleased that so many of our people were there to support him with their prayers at the start of his ministry there. The people of St. John's, Farnworth received us most hospitably. Welcome refreshments were provided in the school after the service.

The previous Sunday at Evensong in St. Cuthbert's a large congregation had gathered to say goodbye to Fr. and Mrs. Courtley and Mrs. Courtley Snr. Fr. Courtley was presented with a cheque and an illuminated scroll from the people of the parish as a token of our esteem.

## WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

Someone once said that if you attend a good church service, you get the impression that everyone is busy trying to find God; if you attend a bad church service you get the impression that everyone is busy looking for the right page in the book!

People come to church because they are looking for God. Sometimes they say they come out of curiosity, to see what is going on. Others say they go because it makes them feel good. Yet others say they just go along with their family or friends. But there must be a deeper reason. Churches would be closing down wholesale if there wasn't a longing for God deep down in every human being.

It may not be easy for people to see and recognise that fact. They often speak of looking for a meaning in life or searching for peace and real happiness. They say they are looking for some lasting values they can share with others; sometimes they express their way of life as 'never doing wrong to anyone'. In their different ways, all such people are living out the prayer of St. Augustine: 'You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in thee.' We are searching because so often we are not satisfied with the way we are; we know there is a better way and we are restless until we find it. We are made by God and for God. And we will not rest finally until we have

found him.

We are looking for God, and so are many other people. The task of the Church is to help people to find God. To do this, we must speak about God in a way that people will understand. What the Church preaches about God has to ring a bell in people's everyday life and experience. It has to speak to that longing deep down inside every human creature. If we do not speak of God, then people will turn away and seek God elsewhere. They will mistake other things for God. Substitutes may weaken their longings and distract their attention for a time, but nothing will satisfy their hunger nor fill that empty space within themselves which God alone can fill.

#### A LIGHT TO THE ANGLO SAXONS.

In AD 457 the mutiny of Saxon mercenaries followed by reinforcements from their pagan countrymen in Germany over the next 100 years, drove the Romano-British people with their Christian witness westwards into Wales, Cornwall, Cumbria and Galloway.

Because of continual warfare between the British and English Anglo-Saxons evangelism was impossible across the battlefield. So God inspired men to carry his Gospel to the pagan invaders in a great flanking movement.

In 432 the Briton Patrick had gone to Ireland. Then in 563 the Irishman Columba went to Scotland. From there in 635 Aidan went to the Angles of Northumbria. Augustine had come to the Jutes in Kent just a little earlier in 597 and had been given the chapel of St. Martin's in Canterbury by Queen Bertha, the French Christian wife of King Ethelbert. So on both north and south the battlefield had been outflanked. But it was in the north that the most wonderful flowering of Christian civilisation took place, in Northumbria.

What of the men involved? Columba was of Irish royal lineage, a man of hot temper but with a just and generous spirit. His love of Scripture led him to make a copy of the book of Psalms from a book owned by his teacher Finnian, who promptly claimed the copy as his own property. High King Diarmaid ruled in Finnian's favour. A battle followed and many were slain. In remorse and self-imposed exile, Columba went to the tiny island of Iona off

the southeast tip of Mull, then part of the Kingdom ruled by his Irish Kinsmen. Here his monastery became a centre of evangelism for all Scotland.

It was to Iona that Oswald of Northumbria fled as a political exile and where he was converted. Then rallying his people against the Welsh invader Cadwallon, defeated him at Heavenfield near Hexham. Now king of Northumbria, Oswald asked for missionaries from Iona. Aidan responded and set up base on Lindisfarne Island near Oswald's capital of Bamburgh. As Aidan was not fluent in English, it was Oswald who interpreted the word Of God to his thanes and earls. Aidan lived as he taught, neither seeking nor caring for worldly riches. He gave away a horse that Oswald had given him, saying that on foot he could talk more readily to those he met.

Within thirty years of Aidan's arrival at Lindisfarne, Abbess Hilda of Whitby had recognised that Caedmon, a cowherd, had a God given gift of putting Bible stories into poetry and song. He is now known as the Father of English Poetry. Within sixty years the Lindisfarne Gospels had been produced. They transcend for beauty anything in the later Norman period and can be seen in the British Library in London.

Within 100 years, Bede, who spent his entire life between Wearmouth and Jarrow, had written his meticulously researched History of the English People, for which he is known as the Father of English History. With his dying breath in 735, he completed his English translation of St. John's Gospel.

To the pagan Angles converted to Christ there had come a wonderful transformation.

#### BRASS CLEANING:

August: Mrs. A. Arundel.

September: Mrs. J. Markey.

READERS AT ST. CUTHBERT'S ON SUNDAYS AT 11 am.

AUGUST.

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| 5.  | Mr. W.J. Jarrett.  | I Cor. 12:4-13 |
| 12. | Mr. R.C. Tanswell. | II Cor. 6:3-10 |
| 19. | Mr. S.M. Field.    | Gal. 6:1-10    |
| 26. | Mr. N.J. West.     | Phil. 1:1-11   |

SEPTEMBER.

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| 2. | Mrs. K. Lunt. | Acts 17:22-end. |
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MODEST AMBITION.

The Archbishop of Canterbury recently told the story of the French priest who laboured for many years in city slums achieving very little. The priest was asked why he persisted in his work when his failure to bring either spiritual comfort or physical relief was obvious and inevitable. The priest replied that he persisted in his work 'so that the rumour of God may not disappear completely.'

DIARY FOR AUGUST.

5. PENTECOST 8. (Trinity 7.)

St. Cuthbert's: 11 am Parish Communion  
3 pm Holy Baptism

All Saints': 9.15 am Parish Communion

There will be no Evensong at All Saints' today.

7. Tues. 9.15 am Holy Eucharist  
(St. Cuthbert's)

8. Wed. 9.15 am Holy Eucharist  
(All Saints')

12. PENTECOST 9. (Trinity 8.)

St. Cuthbert's: 11 am Parish Communion and  
Holy Baptism

All Saints': 9.15 am Parish Communion  
6.30 pm Evensong and Sermon

14. Tues. 9.15 am Holy Eucharist (SC)

15. Wed. 9.15 am Holy Eucharist (ASS)

19. PENTECOST 10. (Trinity 9.)

St. Cuthbert's: 11 am Parish Communion

All Saints' 9.15 am Parish Communion  
6.30 pm Evensong and Sermon

21. Tues. 9.15 am Holy Eucharist (SC)

22. Wed. 9.15 am Holy Eucharist (ASS)

26. PENTECOST 11. (Trinity 10.)

St. Cuthbert's: 11 am Parish Communion

All Saints': 9.15 am Parish Communion  
6.30 pm Evensong and Sermon

28. Tues. 9.15 am Holy Eucharist (SC)

29. Wed. 9.15 am Holy Eucharist (ASS)

SEPTEMBER.

2. PENTECOST 12. (Trinity 11.)

St. Cuthbert's: 11 am Parish Communion

All Saints': 9.15 am Parish Communion  
6.30 pm Evensong and Sermon

3. Mon. 7.45 pm P.C.C. Meeting at the  
Howard School.

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