

# Ackworth Parish Magazine

from

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT  
High Ackworth

and

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, Wakefield Road

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ST. CUTHBERT'S DAY.

Our Patronal Festival falls on Tuesday, March 20th. There will be Evensong in St. Cuthbert's Church at 7.15p.m., and this will be followed by refreshments in the High Ackworth Social Centre. We are very grateful to the members of the Social Centre for so generously making their premises available to us on what is their own meeting night so that we can celebrate the Feast of Ackworth's Patron Saint.

We hope that you will come and join us on this occasion.

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DATES TO NOTE.

March

18. LENT II. Services as usual.
20. Tues. ST. CUTHBERT'S DAY. 7.15p.m. Evensong.
22. Thurs. 7.30p.m. Lent Study Group at 10, Millgate.
24. Sat. ANNUNCIATION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.  
9.15a.m. Holy Eucharist (All Saints').
25. LENT III. Services as usual.  
8p.m. Fellowship of Churches meeting.
29. Thurs. 7.15p.m. Mothers' Union Service at St. Cuthbert's, followed by meeting in the High Ackworth Social Centre.  
7.30p.m. Lent Study Group at 10, Millgate.

April

1. LENT IV. MOTHERING SUNDAY.
- At St. Cuthbert's - 8a.m. Holy Eucharist.  
10.30a.m. Parish Communion, with  
the Guides' Mothering Sunday observance.  
3p.m. Mothering Sunday Service.
- At All Saints' - 9.15a.m. Parish Communion.  
6.30p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

April

2. Mon. 7.45p.m. Annual Parochial meeting in St. Cuthbert's Church. Please note this date in your diary and make a determined effort to attend. The attendance should reflect the interest of the parish in the Church's work.
5. Thurs. 7.30p.m. Lent Study Group ~~at~~ 10, Millgate.
8. LENT V. PASSION SUNDAY. Services at usual times.  
Family Communion at All Saints' at 9.15a.m., and at St. Cuthbert's at 10.30a.m.  
Holy Baptism at All Saints' at 3p.m.
10. Tues. Pastoral Visit by the Bishop of Pontefract to Ackworth. The Bishop hopes to meet the Churchwardens and the Parochial Church Council and to visit some of the homes and some of the institutions in the parish.  
At 7.30p.m., the Bishop will administer the sacrament of Confirmation in St. Cuthbert's Church.
12. Thurs. 7.30p.m. Lent Study Group at 10, Millgate.
15. PALM SUNDAY. Services at usual times.

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SOME THOUGHTS ON PRAYER.

There is no greater argument in the world of our spiritual danger and unwillingness to religion, than the backwardness which most men have always, and all men have sometimes to say their prayers.

Whatever we beg of God, let us also work for it, if the matter be a thing of duty, or a consequent to industry; for God loves to bless labour and to reward it, but not to support idleness.

Every time that is not seized upon by some other duty is seasonable enough for prayer.

(Jeremy Taylor).

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THE RECTOR'S LETTER.

The Rectory,  
Ackworth.

My dear People,

The Annual Parochial Meeting to be held in St. Cuthbert's Church on April 2nd. is of great importance. The meeting is not just for those who are at present on the Parochial Church Council. It is for all whose names are on the Electoral Roll. Attendance gives us the opportunity of knowing exactly what is being done and what is being planned. It gives us the chance to ask questions and to make suggestions - and to discover where our help is needed and our talent can be profitably used.

Our celebration of our Patronal Festival, with its recollection of the holiness of St. Cuthbert, will not only be an encouragement to us in our Lenten discipline but will give us a reminder of our vocation both as individuals and as a parish. We have a gospel to proclaim and a mission to fulfil. St. Cuthbert is both an example and a companion in the joyful adventure of taking our religion and our vocation very seriously.

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On a personal note I refer to the fact of my marriage to Miss Dorothy Mitchell which took place at Christ Church, Skipton, on Wednesday, February 15th. Since our return we have been much moved by the warmth of the reception we have received. We have been surrounded by love and goodwill, and our own joy seems to have been matched by the joy felt for us by so many friends and well-wishers. We shall always remember it with great gratitude. Thank you very much.

Your sincere friend and Rector,

*Alan Cowley*



## CHURCH SCHOOL LOLLIPOP LADY IS THE TOPS



*Carol Robson, top of the lollipops  
(Photo - Dewsbury Reporter)*

**Mrs. Carol Robson of Hanging Heaton** has won a national competition to find the Sugar Puffs Lollipop of 1983. The children of Bywell Church of England Middle School nominated Carol, who sees them across the busy Dewsbury to Leeds road, because she is always a lot of fun. Carol had to travel to London for the final, and immediately afterwards appeared on the Russell Harty TV Show. As part of her prize Carol won a holiday to Mojacar in Southern Spain. □

Daily use of such a domestic adjunct will mean constant recollection of a great many in the Diocese who have co-operated in the work, and been so patient when her activities used to cut into their busy lives.

Though Pamela is labelled 'retired', those needing advice over plays are welcome to ring 373998 — even to demand comments on their rehearsals if transport is provided, and neither stairs nor uphill walking are entailed! □

## JOHN KEEPS A GREAT TRADI- TION GOING

Wakefield Diocese can boast a few famous hymn writers — Bishop Walsham How who wrote 'For all the saints', and the Rev. S. Baring-Gould of 'Onward Christian soldiers!' fame. Now we can boast of the **Rev. John Penny**, an Assistant Priest in the parish of **St. John the Divine, Rastrick**.

John's setting of the George Herbert poem 'Love bade me welcome' is to be published soon by Basil Ramsey, who was so pleased with it that he got an American friend, Dr. Ronald Arnatt, to write an anthem based on it.

John, who came here from Norwich Diocese when ill health forced him to retire, ministers on a voluntary basis at the Overgate Hospice in Elland. He has also written several children's hymns, some of which USPG have used, and a few adult hymns. At the moment he is looking for someone to publish them.

*One of John's hymns, 'Wave your palms', was written for Palm Sunday, and John will be happy to send a copy on receipt of a donation to Overgate and s.a.e. — The Rev. John Penny, 35 St. John St., Rastrick, Brighouse. Tel. Brighouse 712585.* □

## PAMELA SAYS 'THANKS'

**PAMELA KEILY**, the Ex-Religious Drama Adviser, wishes she knew how best to thank all the marvellous kind people who contributed towards her present. She will shortly become the owner of a **freezer fridge**, since her friends tell her a deep-freeze is the answer to solitary living in the British climate! ▶▶

## THE EVIL OF UNEMPLOYMENT— LOCAL CHURCH ACTION

AS THE TRAGEDY of life on the dole hits more and more families and communities, some parishes in the Diocese are asking 'What can we do?'

Wakefield, Dewsbury, and Chevel Deaneries have a joint Community Programme, providing work for 78 people for 12 months. The Programme has Trade Union approval and benefits the community through painting, decorating and gardening for old people and the disabled, repairing churches and halls, and re-ordering churchyards.

Illingworth Church is soon to start a Community Programme for 16 people, transforming their large hill-side churchyard into a landscaped park.

Mixenden began a Community Programme last May, with 9 people creating a Church park and making its rustic seats. Also, the church has been decorated, the kitchen refitted, and furniture restored. The Programme is now transferred to St. Augustine's, Halifax, where another Church park is being made on the site of the old church. After May they hope to keep the programme on as a 'Task Force' for the area, doing work for the aged and the disabled.

*Because of the high unemployment in Mixenden, the local churches and the Community Centre are initiating a 'Leisure and Pleasure' Project. A house-to-house survey will discover what kind of activities people might like to take part in. These interests and hobbies will be catered for later in the year.*

Kirkheaton Parish has set up a 'Training for Life' Scheme giving school-leavers 12 months work experience. At the moment there are 25 youngsters on the scheme, but they hope to expand it to 50. The training workshop is in the old school next to the church, and is the base for their woodwork, painting and decorating, and meals on wheels service. The scheme began last Autumn and hopefully will continue for 5 years.



*Great things are happening in the Ryburn Valley. In September 'Ryburn Church Action', an ecumenical group, set up a 'Task Force' of 18 people doing structural repair and redecoration work. They have made a base and HQ at St. George's Church Community Centre in Sowerby Bridge, done work on Ripponden Church Community Centre, reordered St. Mary's at Cottonstones, and put in kitchen and toilet facilities at St. Peter's, Sowerby. Later in the year they hope to employ people in decorating and gardening for the aged and disabled. On the cards, too, is a 'Drop-In' Centre at St. George's, and a 'tools library' and workshop. See 'What's On' for more details.*

Halifax Council of Churches employs a full-time 'field worker' and secretary to look at the resources of the Churches in the area and to help start projects. Their office is in Halifax Parish Church Hall.

St. Hilda's, Halifax, will soon be starting a project to completely re-order their church into a dual-purpose building and to landscape the surrounding land.

In Barnsley Deanery work began with the unemployed when Bruce Carlin was Curate of St. Mary's in 1982. An informal course for adult unemployed developed into a DIY co-operative making plant holders and garden furniture. About half a dozen meet in the Beckett Centre, with joint support from the Community Education Service and Barnsley Deanery. The group would welcome orders for their work — contact Fred Thompson at St. Helen's Community Education Centre (Barnsley 295129) or the Clergy at Athersley (45361) or Barnsley Parish (82270). □

## The Bishop writes on THE KEEPING OF LENT



THERE IS A COUPLET in one of Sir John Betjeman's 'Poems in the Porch' which runs:

*'The Gesimas — Septua, Sex and Quinc  
Mean Lent is coming, which makes you  
think'*

But the calendar changes. Users of the Alternative Service Book know that 'the Gesimas' have disappeared. Instead we have numbered Sundays before Easter. Yet Lent should still make us think — first and foremost of shared spiritual renewal.

IN THE EARLY CENTURIES THE FORTY DAYS before Easter were the demanding final phase in the training of adult candidates for baptism, confirmation and admission to Holy Communion. And many mature Christians would use this same period for spiritual solidarity with the 'trainees', praying for them and offering fellowship to them. In time Lent became an observance which the Church with all its members kept as a season of penitence and spiritual growth.

THE ANCIENT MEANING OF LENT IS SPRING, THE SEASON OF GROWTH. And as the Confirmation Service reminds us, the Christian Faith is a faith in which we live and grow. We do so corporately by sharing in the public worship of the Church. The Sunday morning readings in Lent focus our prayer and thought on the life of Christ as he faced temptation, conflict and suffering; how the suffering is transfigured and the Cross is victorious. This is not just an historical reminder of what happened to Jesus, it is a corporate experience of our life lived in Him.

THIS YEAR WE HAVE A DIOCESAN STUDY COURSE available for Lent on our use of the Bible as we look at some

of the problems in today's world as they affect the individual, the family, and the community. I hope that this material will help to feed our minds, and deepen our understanding of the world's needs in the light of the Bible's teaching, and give us pointers for Christian action.

LENT IS ALSO AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PERSONAL GROWTH. The traditional disciplines of fasting, prayer and almsgiving are valuable. By renouncing some physical satisfaction we lessen its hold upon us, and can give ourselves more fully to God's service. Equally renunciation can take other forms — less time watching television, perhaps. And this can free us to give more time to personal prayer and bible reading. Almsgiving for the Church's mission or Christian Aid can be a practical expression of Christian concern for the needs of others.

+ Colin Wakefield

### FROM OVENDEN TO EKITI

*CONTACT has at last been re-established with the Venerable S.A. Adeodu, one time Curate of St. George's, Ovenden, Halifax, and now Archdeacon of Ise, in the Diocese of Ekiti, Nigeria.*

*As Curate of Ovenden from 1956 to 57 under the Rev. T.W. Coles, Canon Adeodu was licensed by the Bishop of Wakefield and also by the Archbishop of York for work in that Diocese. Since returning to Nigeria he has served in different parishes in both Ondo and Ekiti Dioceses.*

*Last year the four very large Archdeaconries in the Ekiti Diocese were split into smaller ones for easier administration. Canon Adeodu was made Archdeacon of one of those newly formed — Ide Archdeaconry. In it there are five priests and many Catechists managing village churches.*

*Canon Adeodu has lost touch with his former Vicar and his wife and family, and he would be most grateful if anyone could help him to trace them. Similarly, if anyone who remembers him from his days in Wakefield Diocese would like to write to him, he would be delighted to hear from them. . . . St Mark's Vicarage, P.O. Box 27, Ise - Ekiti, Ondo State, Nigeria.* □

## WHAT'S ON IN MARCH

- 1 'BABES IN THE WOOD' by Silkstone Church, in Silkstone Working Men's Club, 7.15 pm. £1 adult, 50p children.
- 2 **Women's World Day of Prayer.** Theme — Living Water from Christ our Hope. Service at Zion United Reformed Church, George St., Wakefield, at 2.30 pm. Speaker—Mrs D. Tordoff.
- 4 8.30 pm, Radio 2. **Sunday Half Hour from Christ the King, Battyeford.**
- 10 **Workshop for Women** at All Saints', Normanton, 10.15-3.30 pm. Organised by CPAS Women's Action. Choice of workshops — sharing my faith with my family, music in worship, prayer, creative writing, understanding myself and others, making banners. Local secretary—Jean Walmsley, Huddersfield 23663.
- 17 **Anglican Society Day of Worship and Devotion**, at St. Chad's Manningham, 10.45 am Matins, 11.30 High Mass and Sermon (Preacher—Canon Martineau). 12.30 Picnic lunch. 1.30 Lenten Devotion. 3.30 tea. 4 pm Evensong. All welcome. Further details from J. Rothera, 68 Stanley Road, King Cross, Halifax.
- 28 **IMPASSE Meeting at Halifax Parish Church Hall, 1.30 pm, to hear of the work being done for the unemployed in Middlesbrough. Details from Hazel Murgatroyd, Halifax 45390 (day)**
- 31 **HOLYLAND EVENING** at Ryhill Church, 7.30 pm. Israeli snacks, wine and folk music. Displays, film and slides of the Holyland. Of special interest to those contemplating a Holyland Pilgrimage Tour. FREE. Details from Rev. Keith Williams, Barnsley 722363.

## AND IN APRIL

- 7 **Piano Concert by Mrs. Rosalind Runcie**, and songs by the Pennine Singers and Huddersfield Ladies' Choir. 7.30 pm in Huddersfield Town Hall. Reserved seats only. Tickets £4, £2.50, £1.75, from Miss Milnes, Huddersfield 23602 (until 15th March) and Information Centre, Albion St., Huddersfield (from 16th March).

## APPOINTMENTS

**The Rev. Michael Rippingale**, Vicar of South Elmsall, is to be the Vicar of Marsden.

**The Rev. Alan Buckley**, Priest-in-Charge of Whitfield in the Diocese of Derby, is to be Vicar of Moldgreen.

**The Rev. Michael Whawell**, Priest-in-Charge of Bessingby and Carnaby in the Diocese of York, is to be Vicar of Birchencliffe.

**The Rev. David Lockyer**, Team Rector of Speke in the Diocese of Liverpool, is to be Vicar of St. Jude's, Halifax.

**The Rev. Charles Dixon**, Assistant Curate of Almondbury, is to be Priest-in-Charge of Shepley and Shelley.

## INSTITUTION

At **Horbury Junction** on March 14th, by the Bishop of Wakefield.

## OBITUARY

**The Rev. Jack Cyril Bond**, Vicar of Moldgreen 1949-53. On January 17, at Burn near Selby, aged 78.

## SITUATIONS VACANT

**ORGANIST** needed urgently at Christ Church, Mount Pellon, Halifax, to play for services and take charge of choir. Details from the Rev. A.J. Foster, Halifax 65027.

**VERGER/SACRISTAN** required for the ancient Parish Church of Halifax. A person interested in history. Duties include care of the church and attendance at services. Responsible for cleanliness in church and for bookings and cleaning of Parish Hall. Free accommodation. Apply to the Rev. R.S. Gibson, Halifax 65477.

**CAN IT BE TRUE?** is BBC Radio Leeds Lent Course. Thursdays in Lent, 7.30pm-9.15pm. Broadcast, music, phone-in. 92.4 VHF or 388m MW. Leeds 442131 for details.

**Seeking God — The Way of St. Benedict**, by *Esther de Waal*, is the *Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book*. *Fount Paperbacks*, £1.75.

**CLUB PHOTOGRAPHS**, a Lent Project and competition for Youth Groups. Details from Peter Ford, Mirfield 492198.

**Free Mothering Sunday Cards.** Send your requirements to the Church of England Children's Society, Education Dept., Old Town Hall, Kennington Road, London SE11 4QD, enclosing £1 per 100 cards to cover postage.

*The Children's Society needs collectors for Family Week Appeal, 1-7 April. Offers of help to above address please, contact will be made locally.*

**SPONSORED SUNFLOWERS:** The Children's Society provides sponsor forms and packets of sunflower seeds with full instructions if you send s.a.e. to Marion Brown, Sunflowers, Youth Dept. at above address. Competition for growers under 16 years. In 1983 the tallest sunflower was 381.25 cm!

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CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY.

There will be a house-to-house collection in aid of the Children's Society in the first week of April. If you are able to help will you please contact Mrs. Jupp, 14, Flounders Hill.

This week is Family Week, beginning with Mothering Sunday. Please give generously when a collector calls. Help the Society to do its work of caring for and supporting children and young persons in need, whether material, physical, mental, emotional, spiritual or otherwise.

FAMILY WEEK - APRIL 1ST - APRIL 7TH.

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WHO WILL HELP?

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BRASS CLEANING.

- March - Mrs. D. Morley and Miss Elaine Morley.
- April - Miss D. Crossley and Mrs. F. Nunns.
- May - Mrs. J. Lamprey and Mrs. J.H. Lancaster.

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LENT STUDY GROUP.

On Thursdays at 7.30p.m., at 10, Millgate.

'I believe in -----'

Course on 5 articles of the Apostles' Creed.  
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THE PARISH REGISTERS.

HOLY MATRIMONY.

February

21. Timothy Andrew Woodhead and Alison Taylor.

'Almighty God,  
you send your Holy Spirit  
to be the life and light of all your people.  
Open the hearts of these your children  
to the riches of his grace,  
that they may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit  
in love and joy and peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.'

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CHRISTIAN BURIAL.

Service at St. Cuthbert's.

February

20. Florence Annie Gott, 38, Doncaster Road Estate, aged 77 years.

27. Margaret Parkin, 43, Hillside Road, aged 65 years.

March

1. Harold Jeffrey Forster, 26, Chiltern Drive, aged 60 years.

5. Charles Richard Gundill, 15, Chiltern Court, aged 74 years.

Service at All Saints'.

March

2. Alice Burton, St. Clement's Court, aged 88 years.

'O Lord, support us all the day long of this troublous  
life, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the  
busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is  
done. Then, Lord, in thy mercy, grant us safe lodging, a holy rest,  
and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.'

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HOLY BAPTISM.

At St. Cuthbert's.

February

12. Emma Kate Brear, 21, Flounders Hill.

March

11. Gareth Michael Tanswell, 9, Longfield Drive.

'Almighty and everlasting God,  
we thank thee that thou hast received us  
into the fold of thy Church.  
Let thy Spirit be upon us  
and dwell in us forever.  
Keep us, we entreat thee,  
under thy fatherly care and protection;  
guide us and sanctify us  
both in body and soul.

Enrich us abundantly with thy heavenly grace,  
and lead us to witness a good confession,  
and to persevere therein to the end,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.'

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MEALS ON WHEELS.

HAVE YOU AN HOUR TO SPARE ONCE A MONTH?

MEALS ON WHEELS.

CAR OWNER/DRIVER NEEDED.

FOR DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT

MRS. ROOKE (Hemsworth 611285)

or

MRS. BRADLEY (Hemsworth 611121).

Tuesday or Thursday from 11.45a.m. is when help  
is needed.

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## THE PARISH OF ACKWORTH

### SUNDAY SERVICES

- St. Cuthbert's:** 8.00 a.m., Holy Eucharist.  
10.30 a.m., Parish Communion.  
4.00 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.
- All Saints':** 9.15 a.m., Parish Communion.  
6.30 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

Sunday School in the Mission Room at 9.15 a.m., except on the second Sunday when there is a Family Communion at St. Cuthbert's at 10.30 a.m., and at All Saints' at 9.15 a.m.

### WEEKDAY SERVICES

- St. Cuthbert's:** Holy Eucharist on Tuesday at 9.15 a.m.  
Mattins daily, except Monday, at 8.00 a.m.  
Evensong daily, except Tuesday and Saturday, at 6.30 p.m.
- All Saints':** Holy Eucharist on Wednesday at 9.15 a.m.  
Evensong on Tuesday at 7.00 p.m.
- The Howard School,  
Low Ackworth:** Holy Eucharist on Wednesday at 7.30 p.m.

Services on Saints' Days and Holy Days as announced.

### HOLY BAPTISM

By arrangement with the Rector.

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

By arrangement with the Rector.

### CHOIR PRACTICE

At St. Cuthbert's on Friday at 7.00 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.

### WHEN CAN WE SEE THE RECTOR?

After any Weekday Service at St. Cuthbert's, or after Evensong at All Saints' on Tuesdays or by calling at the Rectory any time. (To make sure, ring up to make an appointment.)