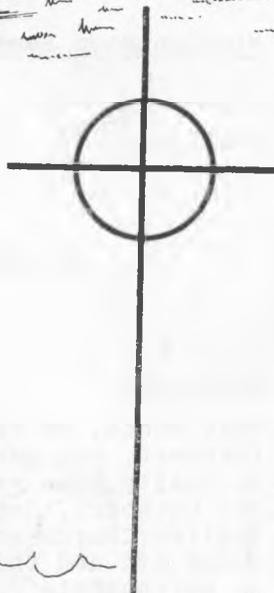




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EDITORIAL

This month, we celebrate again the feast day of St. Cuthbert, our patron. Unlike many saints, of whose lives we really know very little, we know a great deal about St. Cuthbert, largely from Bede's "A History of the English Church and People". We know that he was born about 634 and that he spent his early years as a shepherd in Northumbria. In 651, he became a monk at Melrose Abbey under Eata, and from there he set out on missionary journeys, taking Christianity to the people who lived in the remote countryside between Berwick and Galloway. In 664, he went with Eata to Lindisfarne and from there ministered to the people of Northumberland and Durham. In 676 he withdrew to one of the Farne Islands, now called House Island, so that he could use his greater solitude to devote more time to prayer. He became bishop of Lindisfarne in 685, devoting himself wholeheartedly to his flock, preaching, helping with alms and counsel and visiting every part of his large diocese. He died on Farne in 687.

The life of St. Cuthbert is an example to each of us as we try to follow Christ.

Prayer was very important to St. Cuthbert. For a while he gave up human companionship so that he could give himself more fully to prayer and even during other periods of his life we are told he often spent three or four consecutive nights in prayer. Prayer is still the most important activity of Christians to-day. It is through spending time in prayer that we come to know God and discover his plan for our lives.

St. Cuthbert taught people not only through his preaching but also by his example. Fine words and learned sermons are not enough. The value of Christianity lies in the difference it makes to our lives.

Finally, St. Cuthbert cared more about other people than he did about his own comfort or convenience. Bede tells us "He used to visit and preach in the villages that lay far distant among high and inaccessible mountains which others feared to visit and whose barbarity and squalor daunted other teachers". St. Cuthbert showed that Christian love means counting others as more important than ourselves and giving ourselves in service to others without counting the cost or weighing up the risk involved.

So, the example of St. Cuthbert shows us the importance of prayer; that Christianity is not just an idea but a way of life and that way of life involves us in loving our fellow men without counting the cost to ourselves. Let us thank God for the life and example of St. Cuthbert, our patron.

"THE EVENING OF THE BIGGEST NATURAL DISASTER
THE WORLD WILL EVER SEE"

These words were used to describe the situation in East Africa by one man working to bring relief to the millions of people starving there. We have all seen pictures on our televisions of people suffering from severe malnutrition in Ethiopia, but the problem is also affecting the Sudan, an already poor country, now trying to cope not only with its own dire food and water shortage but also with the large number of refugees migrating from Ethiopia itself. The problems of providing food and medical care for these people is so great that those suffering most from malnutrition are having to be turned away, on the grounds that they stand the least chance of recovery or survival. It is a desperate choice for those working there to have to make. There were warning signs of this disaster, but these were ignored and the world's

response, despite the enormous amount of money which has been raised, has really been too little and too late to prevent hundreds of thousands dying. But, of course, this cannot be an excuse for not doing now what we should have done before. It cannot be an excuse for not acting now to save those who can be saved, and preventing the disaster becoming even more enormous than it already is.

At the last P.C.C. meeting, regret was expressed that we, as a congregation, had not done anything to help and it was unanimously agreed that there should be a retiring collection after the main Sunday Service in both churches during Lent to help relieve the suffering of these people. Please give generously. Your gift may well mean the difference between life and death to one of these people.

SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND - ACKWORTH BRANCH

New members are desperately needed by the Ackworth Branch of Save the Children Fund.

The branch has been established in Ackworth for 12 years and during that time has been successful in raising considerable funds for this charity.

However, we now need new members to enable the Ackworth Branch of S.C.F. to carry on with this worthwhile work. If anyone would like to join us, or would like further details please contact Ros. Robinson (Pontefract 702196) or Betty Rowe (Hemsworth 611997).

LEARN IN LENT

Following the interest shown in last year's Lent Study Group, there will be a series of informal fellowship and discussion meetings at the home of Sam and Phyllis Brooks, 128A, Station Road (that is the bungalow next door to Shauna's shop) on Thursdays at 7.30 pm. The themes for the initial six sessions are: The Christian Described; The Christian and the Bible; The Christian and Prayer; The Christian and Witness; The Christian and the World and The Christian Life.

The groups began on 21st February, but it is hoped that people will come as and when they can. A warm welcome is extended to everyone. If you need any further details, then please contact Philip Bourne (Hemsworth 610389).

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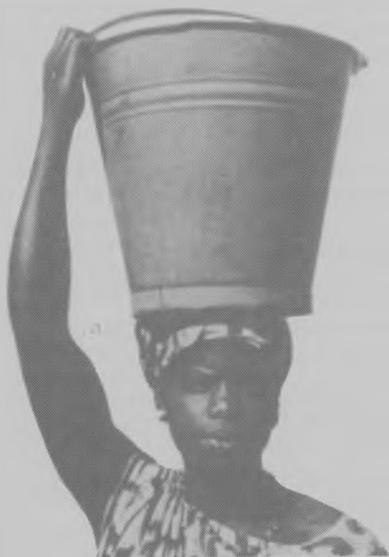
NEWS FROM WAKEFIELD DIOCESE

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appeal

Every day ...

- 30,000 children die from waterborne disease.
- Half of the world's hospital beds are occupied by people suffering from such disease.
- Eighty per cent of all the sick people in the world are suffering from diseases related to poor water supply and sanitation.
- Thousands of women spend up to six hours carrying water to their homes - robbing them of energy and resistance to disease.



LEGHO MULO WATER AID APPEAL

LEGO MULO is a village on the slopes of Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. This very poor rural community of about 2,800 people has no reliable water supply.

WATER AID has asked the Diocesan World Development Group if it can help to provide pipes and fittings to pipe water from an existing supply about one mile away from the village. The Christian Community there is providing all the labour free, and they have permission to start the work. The pipes and fittings will cost £4 per yard. Nine yards of pipes (£36) from every Parish will cover the mile needed.

The Diocesan World Development Group is sending to all Parishes details of this new Water Aid appeal. In 1983/84 many Parishes generously responded to the Parish Pump Project. Following that project, Water Aid provided a report on the water supply schemes which the Parishes' contributions made possible. In the same way a report on the Legho Mulo scheme will be provided

The closing date for this appeal is 29th July 1985. Donations made payable to 'Water Aid' should be sent to: Eric J. Woodward, Chairman Diocesan World Development Group, The Colt House, Park Gardens, Woolley, Wakefield WF4 2JH.

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BOOK REVIEW

"CHILD OF THE COVENANT"

If you're anything like me, you shudder when the ASB asks you to pray, on Good Friday, that God will take from the Jews "all ignorance, hardness of heart and contempt for your word". If, like me, you shudder, then you'll shudder more when you've read "Child of the Covenant" by Michele Guinness from Normanton.

Michele's book is a very personal account of her "spiritual journey", but not a journey away from Judaism into Christianity, rather a journey into a deeper life with God, into new depths of the same thing – a thought summed up in the sub-title "A Jew completed by Christ".

The book is a very human one, bravely written and probably requiring courage to publish. It will speak to you if you've had to face the hard question "Who am I?". It will disturb you again if you've ever been at odds with your parents. It will ask you again what you really believe and what is true about God.

If you are a Jew, you may fire your bullets at Michele for what seems like betrayal. If you are a Christian you may accuse her of not being exclusive enough about Christ. However, if you are in either camp and are sensitive to human needs you will find this book not only moving but encouraging in your own journey. Nothing in it speaks betrayal, nor does it every lack commitment.

A human story in an engaging style which is easy to read – you will enjoy it just for that!

"Child of the Covenant" is written by Michele Guinness, published by Hodder and Stoughton and costs £1.75.

Roy Clements

MBE IN HONOURS LIST

CONGRATULATIONS to JOHN WOOD, Principal Youth Officer for Kirklees, and member of our Diocesan Council of Education, who has been awarded an M.B.E. in the New Year Honours List

NEW CHURCH ARMY REP

MICHAEL NOKES, religious programmes producer for Radio York for the past five years, is the new Church Army Area Representative for the North East of England. His brief for Church Army is to encourage support for the Army's evangelistic and social work projects. Mr. Nokes can be contacted at 29 Avenue Terrace, Cliffton, York (30883).

OVERSEAS

MISSION FILE: FROM LUDDENDEN TO SWAZILAND, MICHAEL BROADBENT REPORTS.....

SINCE LEAVING the Calder Valley early in 1979, I have been working in the Diocese of Swaziland – first in the town of Marizui, and more recently in the mainly rural parish of Shiselweni. Swaziland is a small country situated between South Africa and Mozambique, and economically very dependent on South Africa, which is the source of most of our supplies. The Anglican Church is a minority group on the Christian scene, with around 3,000 communicant members in fourteen pastoral units. Shiselweni has seven congregations and three primary schools, scattered across the south of the country.

In some ways working here as a parish priest and Archdeacon is very different from working in England, as one would expect – but in other ways the similarities are strong, because people's needs and the Church's needs are basically the same everywhere. One urgent priority here is the promotion of leadership in every congregation, because a priest who can only make a monthly visit to a place is bound to have limited effectiveness as a leader. Another goal is that of self-sufficiency under God, reached by way of a proper understanding of Christian stewardship. Aims like these are common to us all, which makes it especially important that we join in praying for one another and learning from one another, in order that the whole Church may grow.

THE BISHOP WRITES ON

Reconciliation

WE HAVE grown accustomed in the last few years to hearing references on the news to ACAS, the Conciliation service in industrial disputes. And where there is a willingness to settle a strike ACAS seem to have a good record of bringing the different sides to common ground and to an agreement that will stick.

The Christian Gospel is the good news of man's reconciliation to God. St. Paul tells us that 'when any one is united to Christ, there is a new world; the old order has gone, and a new order has begun'. Reconciliation means more than a change of outlook or attitude: it brings us into a new relationship and a different kind of shared existence.

Of course for the Christian reconciliation is a deeply personal relationship between himself and God. God's love revealed in the action of Christ who heals, forgives and dies for us is received and appropriated individually. Yet the very personal experience comes to us through Jesus and his Church, the community he indwells. The scriptures we read express the religious experience of the early Church. The sacraments we receive are the gifts of God in the body of believers. As God reconciles into fellowship with himself he unites us to one another in the community of Christians. Loving and serving our neighbours we are sharers in a new set of relationships. Entrusted with the message and service of reconciliation we are to be bearers of the new life which he offers mankind, and participants in the new creation he brings into being. The Church, which is world wide and spans the centuries, is called to be

a sign of God's reconciling power at work in the world.

Our world is sorely divided. The fear and mistrust between East and West, the disparities in wealth between North and South are manifest. And within our own society there is confusion and uncertainty about what life may hold for us in the future. Close at home we know something of the despondency and unhappiness attending the coal strike. The Church has always a peace-making role. It has to try to build community and mutual trust in its own locality. Through its worship and common life, despite its imperfections, it points to the action of Christ bringing mankind into true relationship with God and uniting us to each other. It seeks to display the healing and wholeness of life that Christ offers. And in its social action it must try to help men to honour one another and seek the common good.

+ Colin Wakefield

PILGRIMS OF ST FRANCIS

An international, ecumenical movement dedicated to peace, social justice and Christian unity. International Chapter, 25-27 May at Westgate-on-Sea, Kent. International Pilgrimage, 24 July-1 August at Valfleuri, near Lyon in France. National Pilgrimage, 24-31 August from Dorchester to Sherbourne, Dorset. For further details of costs etc, please send s.a.e. to Mrs. Pam Foster, 49 Houghton Road, Shifnal, Shrops, TF11 8DF Telephone: Telford 460694.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

West Yorkshire Area, was won by West Bretton in 1977. All villages with populations up to 4,000 are eligible. Entry forms and details from The Admin Officer, Yorkshire Rural Community Council, Purey Cust Chambers, York YO1 2EJ. Closing date for entries, 5th April, 1985.

FELLOWSHIP OF CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER RETREATS

April 30 – May 3 at Manchester Diocesan Conference House, Crawshawbooth, Rossendale, Lancs. Conductor: Canon Stanley Meadows. Book with the Warden, Mr. Kenneth Jeffries, at Crawshawbooth. Booking fee £4 plus s.a.e.

May 31 – June 2 at St. Hilda's Retreat House, St. Peter's Convent, Horbury. Conductor: Canon Peter Graham. Book with the Guest Mistress, Sister Mary Clare at Horbury. Booking fee £2 plus s.a.e.

RETREAT LEADERS' training course at St. Peter's Convent, Horbury, April 22-25. Cost £45. Details and application: The Secretary, Association for Promoting Retreats, Church House, Newton Rd, London W2 5LS.

WHAT'S ON IN MARCH

- 2 **CHILDREN'S SOCIETY** Tea and Stalls, 2 - 4 p.m. Treacy Hall.
- 2 **ANGLICAN SOCIETY MEETING** at St. Chad's, Manningham. Details from J. Rothera, 68 Stanley Road, King Cross, Halifax.
- 9 **THIRD LEEDS CONFERENCE.** Dr. John Stott on 'Christians & Culture' 10.30 a.m. at St. George's Church (next to Leeds General Infirmary). Bring own lunch (drinks provided) Retiring collection.
- 17 **HALIFAX MALE VOICE CHOIR** Charity Concert, 7.30 pm at Luddenden Methodist Church.
- 22 **SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF THEOLOGY**, first meeting at Honley Parish Room, 7.30 p.m. for 8 p.m. Quarterly meetings. Those interested in joining should telephone the Rev. Dr. Lionel Wickham, (0484) 661178.

AND IN APRIL

18 **MINISTRY OF READER.** A meeting of those considering offering themselves for this ministry. 8.00 p.m. at Church House.

PEOPLE AND PLACES

The Rev. **ROGER STOKES**, Vicar of Hightown, is joining the Prison Service, and will commence his duties at Wakefield Prison later this year.

The Rev. **MYRFYN ROBERTS**, Rector of Crofton, is also joining the Prison Service, and takes up his duties at Durham Prison in May.

The Rev. **GEORGE GOALBY**, Assistant Chaplain of Wakefield Prison, is leaving to become Chaplain of Deerbolt Youth Custody Centre, at Barnard Castle.

The Rev. **CLIFFORD HAYNES**, Assistant Curate of Lightcliffe, is to be Vicar of Bradshaw.

The Rev. **JOHN ASHMAN**, Assistant Curate of St. Francis of Assisi, Honicknowle, Plymouth, is to be Priest-in-Charge of St. Peter's, Barnsley.

The Rev. **JOHN POOLMAN**, has withdrawn his acceptance of the Chaplaincy to Napier College, Edinburgh, and will be remaining in the Diocese.

Deaconess BARBARA LYDON, will be moving from St. Matthew's Rastrick, to work in the Parishes of Easthorpe and Upper Hopton.

For health reasons, **BISHOP PHILIP WHEELDON** has decided to relinquish his position as Assistant Bishop in the Diocese, but is hoping to carry out his existing appointments and will help whenever he can.

PARCEVALL HALL

Clergy Private Reading June 4-7. Summer holiday August 3-10. Study & Leisure: The Legacy of Beethoven, July 17-20; Painting Holiday, July 25-30; Recorder Holiday, August 15-19. Further details & enquiries for group bookings, s.a.e. please to The Warden, Parcevall Hall, Apple-tree-wick, Skipton BD23 6DG. Tel: Burnsall 213 or 283.

LEND A HOUSE?

WYCLIFFE HALL, an Anglican Theological College training men and women for the ministry, is looking for a large country house in May or June for the Leavers' Houseparty. The house needs to be able to take about 20 people. If you can help, please contact the Rev. Gordon Ogilvie, Wycliffe Hall, Oxford OX2 6PW.

BOOKSHELF

BODY BUILDING CLASSES – *a resource package from the Bible Society for International Youth Year. A four-week programme for young and old together. Leader's manual £1.50 from bookshops or Bible Society.*

THE BIG ONE, an anthology of original sketches, poems, cartoons and songs on the theme of Peace, is edited by Susannah York and Bill Bachle. A Methuen Paperback, £2.95. Royalties from this book go to the Peace Movement.

CATHEDRAL BOOKSHOP

We now have a large selection of books, cards, souvenirs and parochial forms. Why not pay us a visit! If you are interested in starting your own church book-stall, we can advise and supply. Please contact the Administrator Wakefield 373923.

ICONS OF THE PASSION by W. H. Vanstone & Sister Sheila CSPH. From the author of the famous book 'Love's Endeavour, Love's Expense' comes this unique way of the cross based on the woodcarvings in the Communion Chapel at Horbury. Published by Mayhew-McCrimmon, also obtainable from St. Peter's Convent, Horbury, 85p plus postage.

MARKET PLACE

BOOKS & BRIC A BRAC NEEDED. Proceeds to U.S.P.G. Contact E. R. Hawksworth, (0484) 661153.

ELEMENTARY CHOIR

TRAINING, a new correspondence course from the Williams School of Church Music. Details from The Vice Principal, 20 Salisbury Ave, Harpenden, Herts

VACANCIES

ORGANIST required for occasional Sunday services at St. Andrew's, Ferrybridge. For further details contact Rev Brian Stocks, Knottingley 82772.

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ACKWORTH HALF MARATHON

As stated in last month's magazine, there will be a church cake stall on the field in Low Ackworth on the day of the Half-Marathon, 30th March. Ada Pritchard will be organising this and would be pleased to receive offers of cakes.

M.J.W.

ELECTORAL ROLL

The Annual Church Meeting will be held in All Saints' Church on Monday, April 15th at 7.45 pm. I hope that as many of you as possible will be present on that occasion to hear the reports of the various officers and to vote for those who will serve the church on the PCC next year.

In order to vote at this meeting, you must have your name on the Electoral Roll. Last year, under the rules of Synodical Government, an entirely new Church Electoral Roll was prepared. This means that if you did not fill in a form last year, your name is not on the roll and you should remedy the situation by filling in a form as soon as possible.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

At a recent PCC meeting the dates of the following functions were decided for the coming year.

The Spring Fair will be held in the Mission Room at 2.30 pm on Saturday, 27th April.

The Garden Party will be held on Saturday, 15th June, at 2.30 pm.

MONEY

Every day the "Yorkshire Post" devotes at least a whole page to this important subject so it seems reasonable that we should give it a small paragraph in the parish magazine once a year.

This is the time of year when new envelopes are issued to those who make a regular contribution to church funds by this method. If you have not had envelopes before, then please see Mr. Field who will make sure you receive a set for this year. The more people who give in this way, the more reliably the church can predict its income and the better Mr. Field can budget. Having envelopes does not mean anyone else will know how much you give; confidentiality is assured.

Another way you can help the church is by covenanting your regular weekly gift. This enables the church to

claim back from the taxman 43p. for every £1 you give. Last year, well over £1000 was received in this way. The rules governing covenants have been changed considerably to make it easier for anyone paying tax to increase the value of their giving without increasing the cost to themselves. Again, Mr. Field would be pleased to let anyone interested have details.

THE CHURCHYARD

For the past few years, a very small team of helpers has worked to keep the Churchyard tidy. The Churchyard (and the Rectory tennis court) has been divided into areas and each volunteer has undertaken to keep one of these in a presentable state. During 1984, Arthur Barrow, Dr. Wharton and George Lee have done sterling work which deserves our thanks and we also thank David Lethbridge for clearing a previously neglected area.

This year, I hope we will be able to extend the work to cover the whole of the churchyard, but to do this needs another four or five volunteers, in addition to those who did the job last year, who are prepared to adopt an area and look after it on a regular basis. You need to be able to handle a motor mower. The job entails giving your plot two early season cuttings and then spending 30-40 minutes every ten days or so to run the mower over the grass.

If you think you can help, please contact me at church or on Hemsworth 610590. If enough people make an early start this year, and we can get the whole churchyard mowed at least once by the end of March, the task of keeping it tidy will be a lot easier during 1985.

Bill Branston.

OBITUARIES

Fr. Courtley has written the following appreciations of two long standing members of our congregations who died last autumn.

MR. J. W. UPRIGHT

The death of Bill Upright came as a shock. We had been so used to his struggling on through increasingly severe attacks that we tended to forget how serious his condition was. We shall always think of him for the smiling welcome he gave to us all as we came into All Saints' Church and for his great helpfulness to us all. He will be greatly missed at All Saints' Church which he served so well. Although he had retired as Deputy Warden some years ago he could always be relied on to be in his place.

He came into the Church when he married and the church has been a big part of the framework of his and Emmy's married life. To her and to Kathryn and Stephen we send our loving sympathy.

MRS. ELEANOR JARRETT

Eleanor Jarrett was an Ackworth girl who left the village in her youth to work. A long and happy marriage was spent in various places north and south as her husband Will's work with the railways required them to move. It was very brave of Will and Eleanor to settle again in Ackworth after retirement. The village had changed, just as people change. Eleanor's great love of the outdoors, and of animals, made her a useful helper with Will for the Riding for the Disabled Association. Together they shared a great love and knowledge of music, and it had played a great part in their lives. Unfortunately, ill-health prevented her doing as much as she would have liked to do in Ackworth. We are glad that Will has been able to look after her so well, and we join with him in thanking God for a long and happy marriage. She continued to encourage and support him in his Churchwarden's duties right to the end. I thank God for the kindness and friendship she always showed me.

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BRASS CLEANING

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April: Miss Crossley and Mrs. Nunn.

THE MAGAZINE

All material for the April issue of the magazine should be in the hands of the editor, Paul Howarth, by Sunday, 10th March, please.

DIARY FOR MARCH

3rd 2ND SUNDAY IN LENT

St. Cuthbert's: 11 am Parish Communion
All Saints': 9.15 am Parish Communion
6.30 pm Evensong and Sermon

5th Tuesday 9.15 am Holy Communion (SC)

6th Wednesday 9.15 am Holy Communion (ASs)

10th 3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

Services as 2nd Sunday in Lent.

11th 7.45 pm PCC at Howard School

17th 4TH SUNDAY IN LENT (MOTHERING SUNDAY)

Services as 2nd Sunday in Lent

19th St. Joseph, Husband of BVM - 9.15 am Holy
Communion (SC)

20th ST. CUTHBERT

St. Cuthbert's: 7.30 pm Parish Communion

24th 5th SUNDAY IN LENT

Services as 2nd Sunday in Lent.

26th Tuesday 9.15 am Holy Communion (SC)

31st PALM SUNDAY

Services as 2nd Sunday in Lent.

MOTHERS' UNION NOTICES

- 1st March 7.15 pm Women's World Day of Prayer
Service at the church of Our Lady of Lourdes.
- 4th March 3.00 pm The Ladies of Brackenhill Methodist
Church have invited us to attend their Rally.
- 6th March 9.15 am Corporate Communion at All Saints'.
- 19th March Diocesan Quiet Day at St. Peter's
Convent, Horbury. Please let me know if
you wish to go.
- 22nd March 6.00 pm Jumble Sale in the Mission Room.
If you have any jumble to collect, please
contact me.
- 28th March 2.30 pm Service and Meeting in the Social
Centre Room.
Kitty Cooper.