

Ackworth Parish Magazine

Ackworth Parish Church

Revol
19

A Spring Extravaganza

Friday 19 May

Ackworth Youth Choir in Concert

7.30 pm St. Cuthbert's



Saturday 20 May

Spring Fair

"In an English Country Garden"

Stalls, Games, Bouncy Castle, Morris Dancers

11.30 am St Cuthbert's

Sunday 21 May after Service

Picnic and Ramble

(Bring your own picnic lunch)

ending with

Songs of Praise at All Saints'

(See posters for details)

Ackworth Parish Church ~ Who's Who?



<u>Rector:</u>	Revd. Paul Hartley, The Rectory, Ackworth.	602751
<u>Lay Reader:</u>	Dr. Paul Fox, 5 Andrews Grove.	613834
<u>Churchwardens:</u>	Mr Bill Branston, 8 Andrews Grove. Mr Fred Davies, 40 Bamsley Road.	610590 610694
<u>Secretary:</u>	Mrs Lynne Ward, 1 Orchard View.	616384
<u>Christian Stewardship:</u>		
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Mr Bryan Lewis, 36 Flounders Hill.	616074
<u>Covenant Secretary:</u>	Mr John Gardham, 83 Pontefract Rd.	794500
<u>Stewardship Recorder:</u>	Miss Ada Pritchard, 4 Oddfellows Clubhouses.	611086
<u>Car Lifts to Church:</u>	Mrs Ann Tait, 5 King's Close.	612613
<u>Children and Young People:</u>		
<u>Junior Church:</u>	Dr Paul Fox, 5 Andrews Grove.	613834
<u>Mums & Tots Group:</u>	Mrs Jackie Fox, 5 Andrews Grove.	613834
<u>Children's Society:</u>	Mrs Helen Parkinson, 48 Holly Bank.	614400
<u>The Howard C E School:</u>	Mr Harry S Armitage, Headteacher.	611243
<u>Third World and Missions:</u>	Mrs Lynne Ward, 1 Orchard View.	616384
<u>Women's Groups:</u>		
<u>Mothers' Union:</u>	Mrs Barbara Firth, 7 Lindale Ave.	611728
<u>Parish Women's Group:</u>	Mrs Biddy Branston, 8 Andrews Grove.	610590
<u>Church Flowers/Brasses:</u>		
<u>St Cuthbert's:</u>	Mrs Phyllis Asquith, 70 Pontefract Road.	704732
<u>All Saints':</u>	Miss Ethel Smith, 'Solentia', Wakefield Rd.	611258
<u>Weekly News sheet:</u>	Mrs Maureen Richardson, 45 Woodleigh Cres.	612859
<u>Parish Magazine:</u>		
<u>Publishing:</u>	Mrs Sue Hartley, The Rectory.	602751
<u>Advertising:</u>	Mrs Linda Steer, 54 Holly Bank.	614716
<u>Distribution:</u>	Mrs Mollie Gardham, 83 Pontefract Rd.	794500

On Sunday 9th April the church held its Annual Parochial Church Meeting – this is a praecede of the Rector's report to that meeting.

Last year was very full and eventful time for us as a church. We started off with a 'Time and Talents' audit which proved to me just how many people work for our church, and just how many we owe our thanks to, and as a consequence how difficult it is to name them all within the Rector's report!

The new lectionary and the Open door service have become assimilated and the new hymn book, which was paid for entirely by donations from the whole parish, is now in regular use. Attendances have risen slightly over the year and it is good to see several new faces at our services.

One of the high spots in our worship calendar was the visit of the Bishop of Wakefield to confirm 14 new communicants and to commission us all to carry forward the Light of Christ into the new millennium. All who attended (well over 200!) received a badge, prayer card and prayer booklet, the Bishop also left a millennium candle in both churches to be lit at major services throughout the new year.

During the year we began a programme of teaching the faith based upon a Diocesan objective that 'Faith be Taught.' As a start, and in accordance with the wishes of the majority of our congregation, we began to use a pre-printed teaching aid in the form of the double sided notice sheet – one side

on which appears the 'Sunday Link.'

Marie Lewis began her training as a Lay Reader, I hope you will all support her with your prayers and your encouragement, particularly as after Easter she will make formal application to become a candidate reader following selection. Eddie Wynn starts his third and final year of training during this millennium year, I know you all will hold him and his family in your prayers and continue your support in other ways as he approaches what will be a major beginning and end in his spiritual journey.

During 1999 the PCC undertook a considerable review and 'restoration' of our resources. We started with the 'Time and Talents' audit which helped give us a better picture of what was available to our church in terms of what might be termed 'human resources.' This was quite a successful exercise with 76 forms being returned from which we were able to compile a register for ongoing use.

As regards our financial resources we have seen several developments in the last year. During September a new finance committee which will help spread some of the load and lighten the treasurer's task. This committee was involved in planning the gift Day last November which helped raise money towards the repair of the spire at All Saints'.



The Rector Writes ...



A major Stewardship campaign was launched last autumn and although it is difficult to calculate until we come to our first year end, it seems we may have increased our annual giving £4 - 5,000. However, in our background research for the campaign we learnt that we cannot allow ourselves to become complacent as we could very quickly find ourselves in difficulties yet again. Just as wages, pensions, taxes and all other financial matters are regularly reviewed and usually increased annually, so we need to regularly review our giving.

The way we conduct our PCC meeting have been reorganised. Our meeting finish at 9.30pm with any business not being discussed carried over to the next meeting and matters arising must be passed on in writing to the PCC secretary prior to the meeting. PCC minutes, after approval, are now posted in church, which it is hoped, will give a wider dissemination of information and remove some of the 'secrecy' which may surround PCC business.

All in all a busy but productive year, but what of the year to come? Having dealt with some of the material concerns during the last year it is now my wish, in this millennium year, to look at what for the church are more important issues, what might be termed the spiritual side of its life. I would like to encourage a greater emphasis on prayer, Already, as I write, this has been the main focus of our Parish Weekend and our Lent study course. I hope it will become an ever greater element of all that we do both in planning and execution of all parish events and church functions.

As I commented earlier, we are also moving forward on the diocesan objective the 'Faith be Taught' and during may we

will begin the first in what is hoped will be a series of Bible studies, thematically based covering a wide variety of subjects, our first being 'Faith, Love and Marriage.' Each series will begin with a guest speaker on the topic - our first will be the Rev'd Dick Swindell, officer for the Diocesan Family Life And Marriage Education (FLAME) group - followed by a series of study groups (or bible teaching notes for those unable to attend).

This year we begin the planning and development of a major repair and maintenance programme for our two buildings, which should also include within it a view to improving our facilities for the future. Already plans are in the pipeline to provide disabled access to St Cuthbert's which we have already had offers of contributions towards the funding of this important project. We will however, be facing major challenges regarding the cost of repairs over the next few years and will need to motivate the whole of our church and community if we are to succeed in providing suitable facilities in good repair to pass on to future generations. Please pray constantly for your church and the parish which it serves!

Finally, the end of this year and the beginning of the next will see significant changes in our worship books as the ASB ceases to be used. Although we wait in anticipation, we are assured by what we have already seen that the changes will not be drastic. Our services will more or less the same apart from a few minor changes in wording. As good a reason as ever to pray for our church and to support one another as we ride out the waves which 'beat upon our shores' from beyond our land, so to speak.

Yours in Christ

Paul

The Parish of Ackworth
presents

A Spring Extravaganza

'In an English Country Garden'
Games, Stalls and Fun
including:

Morris Dancers, Bouncy Castle,
Tombola, Refreshments, Stalls
The Rectory Garden
20th May from 11.30am

Ackworth Youth Choir
In Concert
at St Cuthbert's Church
Friday 10th May
at 7.30pm
£4 adults £2 concessions
£1 accompanied children

Picnic, Ramble
&
Songs of Praise
Sunday 21st May
starting at St Cuthbert's with a game night
followed by a ramble to 'All Saints'
with a Song of Praise service at 3.00pm
All welcome at any point of the event

For details and concert tickets contact D Seal 613178; S Hartley 602751; B Branston 610590

Help, Help and More Help!

The Social Committee have been planning the 'Spring Extravaganza' for several months now, meeting often well into the evening to make the whole event a great success both socially and financially.

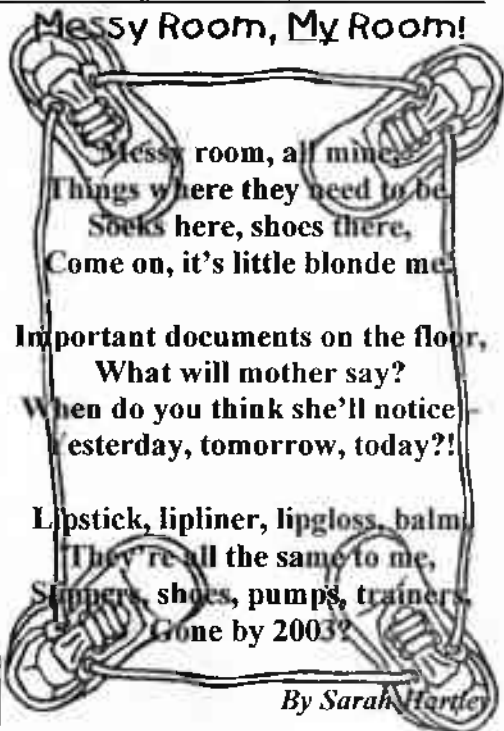
Boxes for your donations and lists asking for offers of help are now in church, whether you can offer to help all day or just for an hour or two, your help is invaluable. We need volunteers to prepare on Thursday evening for maybe just half an hour moving furniture in church ready for Friday evenings concert, to put the large tent up on Friday evening and to help make refreshments. On Saturday it's all hands on deck from around 9.00am starting with erecting gazebos, setting out tables etc. From around 10.30am stallholders will be needed to help set out the stalls, setting up the games etc. Helpers will also be needed for refreshments.

If you would like to help but are not sure what to do – then ask one of the Committee members! We need lots of volunteers both seasoned hands and newcomers!

Ada, Biddy, Doreen, Lyn, Maureen, Pauline & Sue

A Prayer for May

Jesus, Son of God,
Let your love shine through our eyes,
Your Spirit inspire our words,
Your wisdom fill our minds.
Your mercy control our hands,
Your will capture our hearts,
Your joy pervades our being.
Until we are changed into your likeness,
From glory to glory. Amen.



ACKWORTH SHUTTLE



20 Denton Gardens, Ackworth
Executive, chauffeur driven 8-seater
mini-coach

Airport, Seaport, Railport, Coastal,
Theatre, Restaurant - All occasions.

610696

Nurseryman and Florist



JAMES LAMPREY & SON

Pontefract Road
High Ackworth

Shrubs, Trees, Plants, Cut Flowers,
Floral Tributes, Fresh Produce

794387

K. J. PEATFIELD Chiropodist



8 Elm Terrace,
Swales Yard,
Pontefract
(behind
Malt Shovel)

State Registered
Chiropodist
704508



J C POWERCO

HILLSIDE, BARNSELY ROAD, ACKWORTH. 612319

Lawnmowers, Chainsaws, Cultivators, Shredders etc.

Sales, Service, Spares.

All leading makes.

**PETER HANBY
PAINTER
AND DECORATOR**
30 Denton Gardens,
Ackworth



Painting, Decorating
and
Public Works Contractor

611446



A S YAGER Opticians
32 Ropergate, Pontefract
702565

Sight Tests, Contact Lenses
Wide Range of Budget and Designer Frames

**ENGLAND & HINTON
Opticians**
8 Bell Lane, Ackworth



Sight tests by appointment
Family Eyecare



Readers and Readings

7th 3rd Sunday of Easter

Zephaniah 3:14-20	Mrs Hall	Mr Davies
1 John 3:1-7	Mrs Hall	Mr Davies
Luke 24:36b-48		

14th 4th Sunday of Easter

Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18 & 8:6-18 & 9:8-13	Mrs M Walker
1 John 3:16-24	Mrs M Walker
John 10:11-18	

21st 5th Sunday of Easter

Genesis 2:1-18	Mr D Cook	Mrs M Woofinden
1 John 4:7-21	Mr D Cook	Mrs M Woofinden
John 15:1-8		

28th 6th Sunday of Easter

Isaiah 55:1-11	Miss E Smith	
1 John 5:1-6	Miss E Smith	Miss Parker
John 15:9-17		



From the Registers

Baptisms

26th Mar. Ella Louise Furniss

Funerals

29th Mar. Gladys Elizabeth Pickering,
41, Rhyddings Drive, aged 95



*From this issue 'From the Registers' will appear two months in arrears
i.e. April dates will appear in the June issue.*



Diary

3	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion <i>(M.U. Corporate Communion)</i>	All Saints'
		7.30pm	Magazine Committee Meeting	The Rectory
6	Saturday		WMS Study Day	South Ossett
8	Monday	7.30pm	PCC	St Cuthbert's
9	Tuesday	2.00pm	Toddler's	All Saints'
		7.30pm	Faith Be Taught	St Cuthbert's*
10	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
		7.30pm	Social Committee Meeting	St Cuthbert's
16	Tuesday	7.30pm	Faith, Love & Marriage - study	
17	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
		7.45pm	Women's Group	Vestry- St Cuthbert's

A Spring Extravaganza Weekend

19	Friday	7.30pm	Ackworth Youth Choir	St Cuthbert's*
20	Saturday	11.30am	In an English Country Garden' -	The Rectory*
21	Sunday	12.00am	Picnic Lunch	St Cuthbert's*
			Ramble from St Cuthbert's to all Saints'	
		3.30pm	Songs of Praise	All Saints'*
24	Thursday	2.30pm	Mothers' Union*	

Forthcoming dates for your diary.

JUNE

13	Tuesday	7.30pm	Faith, Love & Marriage - study	
24	Saturday		Ackworth Gala	Village Event

JULY

7	Friday		Women's Group trip to Phantom of the Opera	
8	Saturday		M.U. Trip to Lindisfame	
11	Tuesday	7.30pm	Faith, Love and Marriage - study	

* further details for these events can be found elsewhere in the magazine



Good idea - why not pull these pages out
and pin them on your notice board?

BRACKEN HOUSE FISH SHOP

ACKWORTH

Opening Times

Tues 11.30 - 1.30 and 4.30 - 10pm

Thurs 11.30 - 1.30 and 4.00 - 10pm

Fri 11.30 - 1.30 Sat 11.30 - 2pm

Satisfaction Guaranteed



GPS
The Workshop
55 Wakefield Road
Ackworth



Ironmongery, timber,
plywoods, fixings.
General DIY goods

613961

Homoeopathy

Gentle and Effective Healing

for further information or to make an appointment

tel: **Jane Dyer Lic. LCCH**

Licensed Homoeopath

01977 695700

Funeral Director

PONTEFRACT CO-OPERATIVE

Pontefract T03222 Hemsworth 615693 (Freephone 0800 181818)

Floral Tributes ~ Monumental Masonry ~ Private Chapels of Rest

Prepayment Plans

24 hr professional service



STEVEN K. F. LO
CHEMIST

29 Barnsley Road,
Ackworth

Friendly advice on all healthcare.

Open daily 9am - 6 30pm;

Saturday 9am - 1pm

613132

Philip & Robert Howard
Solicitors

9 Bell Lane, Ackworth

Telephone 618287

For all your

Legal Requirements

Granville Brooks
Funeral Service

36 Green Lane, Featherstone T91869

King Street, Pontefract T02583



Personal service day and night
Contact Graham Waring

"Silver Strings" String Quartet

Weddings ~ Receptions ~ Dinners

Classical ~ Jazz ~ Special Requests



Celebrate in Style

For details and bookings

Tel: 01977 611156

Mobile: 0468 771747

The Gospels abound with accounts of healing. Even after the Ascension of Jesus there are accounts of the power of Jesus to heal through his disciples. In fact, the healing events of the New Testament are probably the best known of all the stories about Jesus. These stories are the ones which people remember the most and which they cling to in times of illness themselves. Today it is at these times that people come to Jesus in expectation of a cure and it is particularly this vulnerable group which are often disappointed in what the Church, Christianity, and in particular Jesus can offer them, simply because they are not often cured of their disease.

But Jesus did heal people. The lame man, the blind man by the pool in Jerusalem, Jairus' daughter, the woman who was haemorrhaging. All these, and more, are clear accounts of Jesus' healing power and we should recognise them as just that. However, I believe that there is much more to Jesus healing power than the physical healing which is so evident in the Gospels.

It seems poignant to me to be writing this so soon after reading Paul's article in April's magazine, about him feeling a bit down, a feeling that we can all identify with. All the more poignant to me since I have been struggling with my own health over the last few weeks. Giving up my health for Lent was not part of my agreement with God this year.

We can all feel the healing power of Jesus in our lives, if only we can recognise it - and not expect him to act as we would expect. When all those healings occurred in the Gospels, there was more than just a physical

healing, there was an emotional healing and, I suspect for the majority of them, there was a spiritual healing as well. This is a much deeper kind of healing, which is often slow and sometimes almost imperceptible, but it is there nonetheless.

One of the things we have to recognise is that healing is different from cure. In my day to day life, I rarely cure anyone, and I don't even try to do so, because I cannot do it. However, I can heal people, not in some kind of 'hairy fairy' way, but in real and practical ways.

One of my interests in my work is the care of the dying. In these circumstances I know that I cannot cure them, but I can do a lot of healing. Healing is much more than cure. Healing is about wholeness. About accepting what we have and living with it. This is true in the care of the dying also. If I can help people to accept their own mortality and help them on their journey into the next life, with all dignity, peace and physical comfort, then I believe I have done my job well.

However, I know that Jesus can do that job far more easily than I can. I am often only the agent of healing, just as the New Testament disciples were when they healed people.

I would like to think that the Church and Christians as a whole could promote this message about wholeness and healing, and stop talking about cure. Cure does occasionally happen, but only if God wills it. The vast majority of us will only be healed.

I thank God that healing comes through Him.

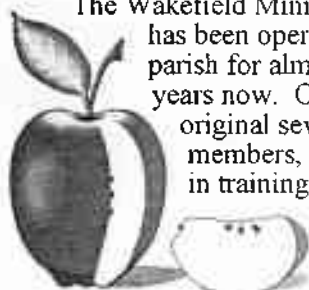


An Easter Picture to Colour!
"You seek Jesus who was crucified.
HE IS RISEN!" (Mark Ch. 16 v. 6)



Answers to last week's puzzle. 1. Bethlehem, 2. Joppa, 3. Damascus, 4. Emmaus, 5. Nain, 6. Nazareth, 7. Philippi, 8. Caesarea, 9. Beersheba, 10. Samaria, 11. Jerusalem, 12. Hebron.

What Next? A WMS Report



The Wakefield Ministry Scheme has been operating in this parish for almost two years now. Of the original seven Core members, one is now in training for the

ordained ministry (Eddie Wynn),

one is in training for lay-readership (Marie Lewis), one is currently unable to take a full part in the scheme but still manages to join in our morning prayer on Friday mornings at 7 am and continues to attend the WMS study days. Most of the remaining members have also seen increases in their work loads, or changes in personal circumstances.

As you can see the construction of the CORE membership has changed since it first began to meet back in summer 1998. These changes have meant that the remaining Core members have been struggling to maintain its ethos within the parish.

Much of the information gained at training days is usually devolved down to the rest of the parish by means of study groups, but flexibility was always what the scheme has been about and as a consequence it was felt that much of what was available was not really relevant to our parish and, even more study groups were not what was needed at that time. To extend the reach of the study days we have made a point of inviting other members of the congregation to attend – if you are interested contact either

Marie Lewis or any other member of the Core group. Our next session is a half day on June 18th 2-5pm on 'Praying through the Christian Year'. Dates for next year are 16 Sept, 13 Jan & 12 May these are full day Saturday sessions.

Our group discussions over the past year have revolved around the ministry of welcome and that of 'Faith be Taught' which is taken from the dioceses' mission statement. It is with this in mind that a new study starts this month, on the topic 'Faith, Love and Marriage.' This is our own project devised by the Core group and the Rector with the backing of the PCC. The course falls into three parts - part one is the talk given by Rev'd Dick Swindells in St Cuthbert's on May 9th at 7.30pm which will be followed by refreshments and a chance to find out what the rest of the course is all about. Part two consists of three monthly meetings to discuss the points raised. Part three is a series of bible study notes which will follow the same plan that the monthly meeting take and is aimed at including those people who, for various reasons, are unable to attend the monthly meetings.

The intention is to reach as many people as possible whether you are relatively new to church, are a seasoned hand at study groups, or have not joined in before. Each part can be undertaken on its own or add part one to either part two or three, the choice is yours! This is the first major undertaking of the Core group, its success depends on YOUR support!

Etcetera...

THE MOTHERS' UNION ~ MAY 2000

3rd Corporate Communion, All Saints' Church, 9.30 am.

11th Quiet Day at The Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield, 10 am - 3pm.

13th Celebration Day, Harrogate Showground. 10 am - 4.30 pm.

A family fun day to celebrate the year 2000. Lots of entertainment and activities for all ages, concluding with an act of worship in the main arena, when children will be encouraged to take an active part. Everybody welcome.

25th Service and Branch Meeting. All Saints' Church, 2.30 pm.

Speaker: Mrs Ruth Miles, who will be talking about Miriam in her series of talks on 'Women in the Bible.'

We are very happy about the appointment of our new Central Chaplain. He is Bishop John Flack who, before he went to Huntingdon, was Vicar of Chapelthorpe and a Rural Dean in the Wakefield Diocese. It was in the latter capacity that many church members met him when he visited Ackworth. We wish him well in his new role and hope that we may have occasion to meet up with him again in the future.

Barbara Firth

Psalm 23 for Busy People

The Lord is my pace-setter, I shall not rush.
He makes me stop and rest for quiet intervals.
He provides me with the images of stillness, which restore my serenity.
He leads me in the way of efficiency through calmness of mind,
And His guidance is peace.
Even though I have a great many things to accomplish each day
I will not fret, for His presence is here.
Its timelessness, its all-importance, will keep me in balance.
He prepares refreshment and renewal in the midst of activity
By anointing my mind with His oils of tranquility,
My cup of joyous energy overflows.
Surely harmony and effectiveness shall be the fruits of my hours,
For I shall walk in the pace of my Lord,
And dwell in His house for ever.

Copy for June
to be in by:



The Beauty
Sanctuary

Local salon in peaceful surroundings offering a full treatment menu and one-to-one service to care for your image and calm your soul!

Ample parking space

GIFT VOUCHERS FOR ALL OCCASIONS

Tel: 01977 618713

SPECIALIST IN WEDDING MAKEOVERS

TRAIDCRAFT
Third World Products
Fina Petrol Station,
Wakefield Road



Tea, Coffee, Dried Fruit,
Nuts, Gifts etc

Weekdays 2 pm - 5 pm
(Wed ~ Closed all day)

Sat 10 - 12 noon

616748 or 671172

INDIAN HEAD MASSAGE

An Holistic Therapy based on 4000 year old Hindu Massage.

A Natural Therapy to treat a variety of conditions.

For more details and appointments contact:

Sharon Rixham on 01977 798845

Mobile: 0796 7865811



THE CARD GALLERY
RECENTLY EXTENDED

QUALITY RANGE OF
SPECIALIST GREETINGS
CARDS

at

B. & P. SHEARD
NEWSAGENTS AND
OFF-LICENCE
17 BARNSELY ROAD,
ACKWORTH.
611532



LANCASTER
MEMORIALS

78 Pontefract Road,
High Ackworth
791426

Premium hand finished memorials
at competitive prices



The Brown Cow
Pontefract Road, Ackworth.

Freshly prepared and cooked...
Lunches ~ Mon. to Sat. 12 noon - 2 pm
3-course Sunday Lunch ~ only £6.95
Tea-time specials, Friday 6 - 8 pm

Tel: 01977 704735

THE PARISH OF ACKWORTH



St Cuthbert's and All Saints'

Sunday Services

May 2000



7th May

8.30am	Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
10.15am	Parish Communion and Junior Church	St Cuthbert's
6.30pm	Evensong	All Saints'

14th May

8.30am	Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
10.15am	Family Communion and Parade	St Cuthbert's
6.30pm	Evensong	St Cuthbert's

21st May

8.30am	Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
10.15am	Parish Communion and Junior Church	St Cuthbert's
3.30pm	Songs of Praise	All Saints'

28th May

8.30am	Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
10.15am	Family Communion	St Cuthbert's
4.00pm	Open Door Service	All Saints'

(an informal service for all ages)

Please contact the Rector for enquiries about Marriages and Baptisms