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The month of November often seems an awkward period in the Churches life, although it has several big celebrations such as All Saints, All Souls, Remembrance Sunday and St Andrews Day, it has seemed to be a period when for some time doesn't seem to fit in with anything.

We seem to mark time between the end of the Trinity (formerly Pentecost) season which ends on the last Sunday in October and the start of Advent on the first Sunday in December. A period which seems to have had a few unrelated festivals thrown in for the sake of something to focus on. The A.S.B compilers labelled them the Sundays before Christmas; later reformers tried to introduce the idea of 'Kingdom Sundays', which never really caught on; and now in the lectionary we have the Sundays before Advent and the again newly introduced festival of 'Christ the King'.

So, what are we to do with this month, liturgically speaking? Should we take a lead from nature at this time of year and get into hibernation until it begins to get warmer spiritually speaking? Well no! Because if we begin to look a little closer, we see that there is a link over this month between what seems to be the isolated festivals we

celebrate. The A.S.B compilers, although they missed the point, almost got it right by calling them Sundays before Christmas in that the themes for this month set a reflective tone which prepares us for the perpetual time of Advent and the joyous celebrations of Christmas. The period encourages a mood of quiet thoughtfulness before the sharp awakening of Advent.

The month begins with the upbeat celebration of All Saints, probably the next greatest affirmation of resurrection after Easter, the day when we join our prayers with those of the many faithful Christians who have gone before us; to use a well known phrase from the funeral service, '*... the whole church living and departed in the Lord Jesus...*' A tie for jubilant celebration as we look to the example of the saints in heaven, those many Christians who down the centuries have been the inspiration to the Church and to individuals who are just beginning their journey. Although 'officially' this is celebrated on the first of the month, the new lectionary now makes provision for it to be moved to the nearest Sunday, therefore according it greater recognition than a mid-week service, when there can be a tendency to let it fade



The Rector Writes ...



into insignificance.

Immediately following All Saints, the mood changes to the more sombre atmosphere of All Souls or to use the more descriptive alternative title 'commemoration of the Faithful Departed'. This is traditionally a day when we remember our loved ones who have departed this life. Rather a contrast with the up-beat celebration of the day before, though I make no excuse for bringing down the mood.

Remembrance and mourning for the loss of someone dear to us is as much a part of life as celebration and, if our Christianity is nothing else, it is an affirmation of life in all its complexity. But is it such a contrast with the preceding day? Is it as down-beat as it may, on the surface, appear? If we consider that the previous day is a celebration of resurrection, then perhaps it is not as gloomy as it may appear. Yes, it is a time for remembering our departed loved ones and that should always be right, but with the certainty of resurrection, we can remember with thanksgiving; we can remember with hope.

And so the theme of All Souls and the mood of quiet reflection continue through to the 11th of the month and it's nearest Sunday as we remember those who died in the greatest tragedy of our modern history the two World Wars.

Again there is hope, in that we also remember the living who survived that tragedy and now need our care. We remember the countless acts of courage and self-sacrifice; and hope that we might never have to see the like of it again. And so we move through to the end of the month, St Andrews Day on the 30th. This is the day which the church has marked (since 1871) as one of prayer for world mission; a focusing on the churches supreme calling to the living — *"to preach the Gospel to all nations"* as our Lord charged us, just prior to his Ascension. And so we arrive on the following Sunday to the beginning of the Churches year with Advent Sunday.



A month of contrasts, a month when in the secular world we light bonfires and loud, bright fireworks to chase away the gloom of the dark winter evenings, a season when nature seems to be in death and decline. But for Christians it is not a month to fear. It's not a time when we celebrate the dark forces of evil embodied in Hallowe'en, but the bright hope of the resurrection, the triumph of love at All Saints. We need not tremble as the pagans used to do at the seeming 'death' of the sun on the long cold winter nights, but we have the hope offered by the abundant life of the Son, Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ

Paul

The Parish of Ackworth
St Cuthbert's and All Saints'

Christmas Fair



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The Village Cross



It is known that in pre-Reformation days, i.e. prior to 1536, the monks of Nostell Priory used to preach every Friday and Sunday to the assembled villagers from the steps of the village cross. As to its origin, one story goes that one of the best loved of the Nostell monks died of the plague while on a visit to Rome. His body, in a lead coffin, was brought back to Ackworth where the decomposing corpse was exhibited on the site of the village cross, causing an outbreak of virulent fever and occasioning the death of many who were there. The cross became a commemoration of the incident.

We know that a popular preacher, Thomas Balne was instituted as Rector in charge at Ackworth in 1420, but as to the rest of the story, it would seem that the time and expense involved in transporting a lead coffin from Rome to Ackworth in the late Middle Ages casts considerable doubt as to its authenticity.

It seems likely that the story of the plague may be linked in folk memory with the

devastating epidemic known as the Black Death which swept through England in the years 1348-9, and that the cross may have been erected as a symbol of deliverance by Isabella de Ryddying, a wealthy local landowner and founder of the Chapel of St. Mary in the nearby St. Cuthbert's church. We know she was still alive in the 1340's.

Either way, we may safely assume that the monument dates from the Medieval period. All authorities agree that the cross at the top of the pillar was broken off and replaced by a stone ball in Commonwealth times, 1647 - 1660, by Cromwellian soldiers who inflicted considerable damage to the fabric of St Cuthbert's church at the same time.

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Fred Davies

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Readers and Readings

5th	All Saints' Day	SC	AS
	Isaiah 25:6-9	Helen Parkinson	Mrs Cooper
	Revelation 21:1-6a	Helen Parkinson	Mrs Cooper
12th	3rd Before Advent		
	Jonah 3:1-5, 10		Dr McWilliam
	Hebrews 9:24-28		Dr McWilliam
19th	2nd Before Advent		
	Daniel 12:1-3	Mrs Riley	Mrs S Hall
	Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25	Mrs Riley	Mrs S Hall
26th	Christ the King		
	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14		Mrs M Walker
	Revelation 1:4b-8	Sarah Hartley	Mrs M Walker



Flowers



Brasses

26 Nov Mrs Ashton (SC)

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From the Registers - September 2000

Baptisms

- 10th Thomas Craig Darlison & Samuel James Albert Bill
 24th Andrew Michael Morris, Molly Elizabeth Evans & James Keil Evans

Marriages

- 1st David Amies & Sarah Louise Garner
 9th Andrew George Woodcock & Lisa Spencer
 9th Matthew Jewitt & Joanne Maria Knowles

Funerals

- 4th Roy Ecclestone (64); 10, Beverley Garth
 7th Evelyn Bielby (80); 101, Station Road
 12th Joan Rowley (74); 10, Carr Bridge
 15th Ada Ridal (95); Willow Grange Nursing Home, Kinsley
 18th Peter Whitehall (51); 1, Rhyddings Avenue
 22nd Susan Parnham (55); Hemsworth Park Nursing Home
 28th Annie Eliza Taylor (87); 4, Chiltern Court





November Diary



1	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion <i>(M.U. Corporate Communion)</i>	All Saints'
		7.30pm	Magazine Committee	The Rectory
4	Saturday	6.30pm	Bonfire Party	8 Andrews Grove
5	Sunday	5.00pm	All Soul's Service*	St Cuthbert's
6	Monday	7.30pm	PCC	Vestry St Cuthbert's
8	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
		7.30pm	Likisma - Aromatherapy	St Cuthbert's
14	Tuesday	2.00pm	Toddler Praise	All Saints'
15	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
		7.45pm	Womens Group meeting vestry <i>Christmas Flowers - Janet Bateman incl Raffle</i>	St Cuthbert's
22	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
25	Saturday	2.00pm	Christmas Fair*	Bell Lane School
30	Thursday		Mothers' Union*	All Saints'

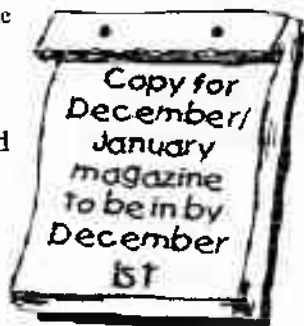
forthcoming events - December

2	Saturday	2.00pm	Christingle Making	St Cuthbert's
3	Sunday	4.00pm	Christingle*	All Saints'
		6.00pm	Christingle*	St Cuthbert's
10	Sunday		Toy Service	St Cuthbert's

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A saviour is one who saves. Jesus is the Saviour. He is the one who saves. In order to be a saviour you need someone or something to save, and something that they need saving from.

Jesus is the Saviour. The people he saves are you and me. The thing which he saves us from is our sin, and probably ourselves.

The Old Testament speaks of the Messiah as being the Saviour. So the Jews were expecting the Messiah to come and save them, even if they did get it slightly wrong.

However, the Jews got it wrong from another perspective. The Jews should have been the Saviours of the world. God was acting through them. He was expecting his people to minister to the rest of the world so that the whole world would be saved. So that when

Jesus came as Saviour, he was going to save not just the Jews but also the rest of the world. This is something which we must remember today. When we call Jesus The Christ, then we are accepting his Saving power, and we become a member of his family which has been called the church. We are saved, that makes us God's people. God expects that we should do what he expected of the Jews. That we will be the saviour of the rest of the world. We do this not by any act of our own because it is only Jesus who can actually save us. However, we can act as Jesus' agents in this world by helping other people to see who Jesus is, so that

they can accept him as the Christ also. This is the work of evangelism, and comes in Jesus' words at the end of Matthew's Gospel 28: 19. Unfortunately this kind of work has been given a bad press by a small group of fanatics who have actually lost the plot.

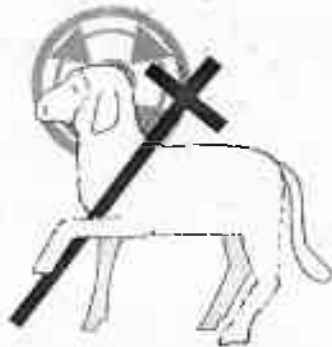
So Jesus' task is to save the entire world, and to do that through us. And he saves us from our sins and ourselves. One of the problems that we have is that we are entirely human and subject to great temptations, which we often give in to, simply because we are human, not divine as Jesus was when he resisted his temptations.

Because of this, God has sent his Son to help us, or to save us. Jesus has saved us because he died for us. The only way that the Jews of the Old Testament could be saved

according to God's laws was to sacrifice the first born lamb and shed its blood. This had to be done every year at Passover.

What Jesus did was to be the once and for all sacrifice. Instead of sacrificing lambs each year, Jesus has been sacrificed, and we are saved. This is one of the reasons that Jesus is often called the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

This is why we call Jesus Saviour. This is why we worship him, because he has done what we cannot do. And all it takes to receive this salvation is to believe in him



COMING SOON ...

All Saints' Sunday

This year the celebration of All Saints' is transferred to Sunday 5th November. In keeping with the festival, in which we join our prayer and praise in unity with all the saints living and departed, we reflect that unity by joining together as a parish in one congregation as we worship at All Saints' church at 10.15 am. There will not be any other morning services on that day.

All Souls' Service

As in previous years our evening service on the 5th November will be at St Cuthbert's at 5.00pm when we have a service for the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed. We remember our loved ones who have departed this life, light a candle in their memory and take time for prayer and reflection.

Christingle

Our Christingle services will take place on the first Sunday of Advent, December 3rd, 4.00pm at All Saints' and 6.00pm at St Cuthbert's. This is a very popular service for 'children' of all ages. Children should receive their containers for

collecting for the Children's Society either through church or school. Please remember to bring them with you to either service. All proceeds go the charity.

If you are able to help with making the Christingles please contact Helen Parkinson (611440) or turn up at St Cuthbert's on Saturday 2nd December at 2pm.

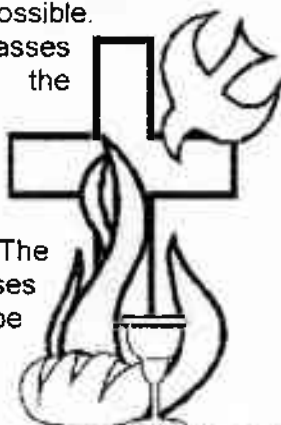
Confirmation

I have recently been informed that Bishop Nigel will be the confirming bishop at our confirmation service at St Cuthbert's on Sunday March 18th 2001 at 10.15am.

If any child or adult would like to be confirmed please contact me as soon as possible.

Children's classes will start on the Tuesday 5th December in St Cuthbert's vestry at 6.15pm. The adults classes have still to be arranged. §

The Rector



CONFIRMATION



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Answers to last month's puzzle.

And Jesus saw a great multitude and was moved with compassion toward them

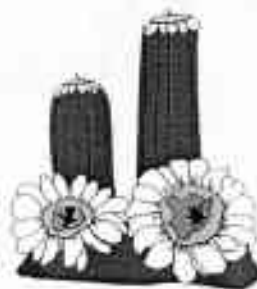
1. cured
2. rest
3. saved

4. shepherd
5. little children
6. servant
7. I am with you always, even to the end of the world.

Etcetera...

Prayer for All Souls' and Remembrance Day

Lord our God,
Your light dispels all darkness.
Your springs make deserts blossom.
The warmth of your love
Melts what is frozen,
Restores what is lost,
Refreshes what is weary.
In You, Lord God, there is always hope
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St Cuthbert's and All Saints'

Sunday Services

November 2000



5th November

10.15am	Parish Communion	All Saints'
5.00pm	All Souls Service	St Cuthbert's

12th November

8.30am	Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
10.00am	Said Communion	St Cuthbert's
11.00am	Service of Remembrance	St Cuthbert's
6.30pm	Evensong	St Cuthbert's

19th November

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

26th November

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)

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