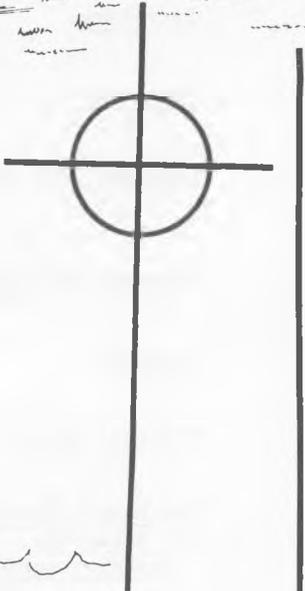


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RECTOR'S NOTES



For many people August is the month for holidays, especially if you have children. Holidays are an important part of life, even if you are not going anywhere exotic or even if you are not going anywhere at all. Holidays provide a break from the routine of our daily lives, helping to 'recharge our batteries'. It is this break from routine which is perhaps the main value of holidays, since not every holiday is a 'success'.

No doubt we all have memories of rain filled days and bored children, with Mum and Dad at their wits end! Holidays can sometimes be quite stressful! That said, they often give new experiences which enrich our lives, memories which last a lifetime.

The word 'holiday' originally meant 'holy day', a religious festival or celebration. Few people now make that association. However, for the practising Christian a holiday is an opportunity to see how other Christians worship. We often think the only way of worshipping is the way we do things in our local church. Going to church on holiday can open our eyes to the richness and variety of Christian worship. This is especially true if your holiday takes you abroad. Many foreign resorts have services in English, but it can be a moving experience to share in worship in another language, even if you don't understand fully what is happening. In this way you will realise the variety of Christian worship, the different emphases of various traditions, and the warmth of fellowship which surmounts language barriers. Recently Mary and I attended a Roman Catholic Mass at a small village in Austria. The service was very similar to our own, but was in German. Nevertheless, it was an act of worship with fellow Christians, and we could at least exchange the Peace by shaking hands with our brothers and sisters in Christ. So when you go on holiday try going to church, and let me know about your experiences.

Our Service for Mothers and Toddlers has almost completed its first year. The service was started last year for parents of young children who wish to maintain a contact with the church, but are unable for various reasons to make a regular commitment to Sunday worship. We now have a regular congregation of mothers, together with helpers who make the tea. The service is for mothers and we are trying to provide activities for the toddlers. There will be no service in August, and from the beginning of September the service will be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. The service will continue to be held at All Saints' Church at 2 pm. In September we hope to hold a coffee morning to raise money for the Mother and Toddler Group.

Our thanks go to the Ackworth Half Marathon Committee for a cheque for £2,358. This money is for the St. Cuthbert's Church Restoration Fund, and will be used for major repairs to the fabric of St. Cuthbert's Church. The Ackworth Half Marathon was the brain child of Dr. Jean Wharton. Dr. Wharton has now handed over the organisation of the Marathon to the Ackworth Road Runners. On behalf of everyone I should like to thank Dr. Wharton for all the work and enthusiasm which she has put into this project over the last few years, and for the money which the event has raised for St. Cuthbert's Church. The Half Marathon attracts competitors from all over the country, and is now an established event in the world of running.

The Garden Party in June raised the excellent total of £558. We were very fortunate to have such fine weather and it was a very enjoyable occasion. I would like to thank all who helped in any way to make the day such a success, and to thank those who supported the event.

Peter Moorhouse

MRS. JENNY FIRTH



Jenny Firth, our Parish Treasurer, is most definitely a Yorkshire Lass. Born in Pontefract in 1948.

She went to Castleford High School and left after 'O' levels to join Barclays Bank in Market Place, Pontefract.

Her husband Ron comes from the Doncaster area and went to the King's School, Pontefract. He was in the same class as Jenny's brother and used to visit their home quite often, so when he began work and transferred from the Castleford branch of Barclays to Pontefract he was no stranger to Jenny.

After going out together for a few months they got engaged in 1969 and married in 1970. Initially they lived in Woodlesford because by that time Ron had moved to Barclays at Cross Gates, Leeds.

Their two daughters, Sarah and Susie, were born in 1971 and 1974 respectively.

In 1977 Ron was on the move again, this time to Halifax, so the family moved to Shelf. They found it a very pleasant spot, though rather mild in a bad winter.

Jenny, Ron and the girls moved to their present home in 1979 when Ron was promoted to assistant Manager in Pontefract. Sarah and Susie both attended the Howard School and had two years at the Middle School before going on to study at Ackworth School.

It was about this time that Jenny returned to banking on a part-time basis. She worked at the Hemsworth branch of Barclays and then, in September 1985, moved to help run their premises at Ryhill.

About a year ago, Ron was promoted yet again and is now manager at Barclays main branch in Huddersfield. Normally this would have meant supporting the family, but with the girls happily settled at the Waker School Jenny and he decided to stay in Ackworth.

Having a growing family, of course, allows Jenny only limited free time for hobbies. Because of her love of classical music she is the Treasurer, and a founder member, of Ackworth Concert Society. It has meant a lot of hard work but financial help for the Society has been obtained from Wakefield Metro Arts, Yorkshire Arts Association and Ackworth Parish Council. Their first season, 1986/87, went very well and the Committee have high hopes that 1987/88 will be even better.

Jenny is also a member of Pontefract Flower Club and finds flower

SEE-LINK

NEWS FROM WAKEFIELD DIOCESE AUGUST 1987

LINK TO MARA

WAKEFIELD is to link up with the Diocese of Mara in Tanzania, a partnership unanimously welcomed by Diocesan Synod on June 20th.

Mara, south-east of Lake Victoria, has only 17 clergy in 16 parishes. But the population of the Diocese is not unlike ours – around a million. We have over 200 clergy and parishes!

The link is for prayer and concern. Mara Diocese is only two years old, and its Bishop, Gershom Nyaronga, is as keen as our own Bishop to support the idea. He writes: 'My Diocese and me feel that it is a good thing to move ahead in establishing a link between our two Dioceses. I am writing to all my Pastors to list the Diocese of Wakefield in their daily prayers'.

Bishop David visited the Tanzanian Church last summer. And next year the Bishop of Mara, who will be here for the Lambeth Conference, will be invited to Wakefield.

BODYSANNER CHARITY CONCERT

WAKEFIELD CATHEDRAL CHOIR will be performing a charity concert on Saturday September 26th in aid of the Huddersfield Bodyscanner Appeal.

The concert, which includes orchestra and organ recital, will start at 7.30pm at Huddersfield Town Hall. Tickets are £3 and £2, from Mr Hayle (Hudds 24068) or Kirklees Information Centre, Albion Street (Hudds 22133).



PEOPLE AND PLACES

The Rev **CHRISTOPHER JACKSON**, Team Vicar in the Preston Team in Blackburn Diocese, is to be Priest-in-Charge of St Catherine's, Sandal.

The Rev **WILLIAM NOBLETT** is coming from Middlesbrough to be Assistant Chaplain at Wakefield Prison.

The Rev **JAMES DEARDEN**, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Huddersfield, is retiring.

The Rev **TERRY SWINHOE** will be Instituted by Bishop David at **WARLEY** on August 21st.

HUGH TAKES OVER

HUGH LAWRANCE, the Curate of Lindley, takes over as Editor of See-Link next month. All communications for See-Link – news items, 'What's On', adverts, articles, parish magazines – should be sent to him:

The Rev Hugh Lawrance
26 Lea Street
Lindley
Huddersfield.

Hugh's telephone number is Huddersfield 543473, but it is important that copy is sent **in writing**.

Hugh's appointment takes effect from the September issue. He succeeds the Rev Stephen Kelly, who has been Editor for the past four years.



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WITH LOVE . . .

NO BISHOP'S LETTER this month. In its place we print part of an address Margaret Bradnum gave at the recent Diocesan Synod. It is an interpretation of 1 Corinthians 12:27 - 13:7, and is warmly commended by Bishop David:

TODAY we can look at a church which has all kinds of good things – We have plenty of people who know how to be ecstatic. We have plenty of people who are secure in what they believe. We have plenty of people who are totally dedicated in their service and concern. We have all our new developments in ministry. We have a synodical system for discussion and debate and a well organised administrative and financial system. But do we know how to be loving?

Someone tells me that after a church gathering they couldn't sleep all night because of the upset and the aggro. Has that ever happened to you?

Someone's response to an experience with fellow Christians is "I have never felt so rejected in my life." Has that ever happened to someone you have dealt with?

A wedding photographer recounts how time after time he is horrified by the hostile attitude shown to people who come to church for a wedding. Is he telling the truth?

Clergy continue to recount that they dread P.C.C. meetings which seem to be seen as a trial of strength by all concerned. Why should that be?

Lay people ministering and wanting to minister in the church continue to recount how the major difficulty they encounter is the Vicar. Why should that be?

Individuals testify that while they are sometimes swamped by the outward signs of enthusiastic welcome at their church they feel that nobody is really concerned to discover anything about the real person they are. How common is that, do you think?

Continually it seems we hear about the nasty things that people have been saying about their fellow Christians behind their backs. And sometimes, we join in and pass the nasty comments on! And so on and so on and so on.

All too often we seem to increase stress for each other rather than to increase peace.

Perhaps my picture is too gloomy. So let me ask you, when did something to do with the church last give you stress? Do you think that anything that you have said or done in church could have caused anyone else unhappiness or stress?

So what is the alternative – what is love? Paul tells us in 1 Cor. ch.13 vv.4-7 what its characteristics are. So how can we make our church life more like that?

Lay people must love their Vicar. *This means caring about him as a person. Being realistic about his strengths and weaknesses. Giving him freedom to be himself and to give what he has to give.*
Vicars must love their laity. *Not try to control or dominate them but enable them to grow and develop as God has called them.*

Church people must love one another – *and if you are sure your church is loving ask if it really is or if some individuals are being ignored, some voices being excluded.*

Somehow we have to learn to be different in love. Paul talks in 1 Cor. ch.12 of the importance of difference in the body – about how inconvenient it would be if the whole body were an eye! Our differences are a strength and a glory but sometimes they can be threatening. Is there a place in your local church for people who are different in their approach to the faith from the majority of the congregation? They too belong to the body.



In the Church of England as a whole we need to learn how to be different and to be loving at the same time. We need to learn to rejoice at the success of groupings which are different from ours. We need to refrain from criticising other groupings. We need to avoid giving the impression that we think that they would all do much better if only they did it our way.

All of which means that somehow we need to learn to be right in love. We are of course, all of us, right. We wouldn't hold the views we do if we weren't sure that we were right. The trouble is that it is just when we are most right and most orthodox that we have a tendency to fall into the trap of ceasing totally to be loving. Paul says somewhere – "Love builds up – Knowledge puffs up". I have a suspicion that in the eyes of God it is far more important to be loving than to be right! After all, despite our conviction that we are all right, perhaps logically we can't all be – at least not all of us at the same time!

And so we move on to the next challenge, to disagree in love. We must disagree – we are bound in integrity to disagree – but there are ways of doing it. Love, remember, is never arrogant or rude. And finally we must be efficient in love.

Today there are tremendous pressures in the Church to have efficient administration, efficient finance. But there is a danger. We can have a fantastic administrative system and we can have a fantastic financial system, but Paul tells us (1 Cor. ch.13 vv.1-3) if we do this – or indeed anything else – in such a way that we forget that it is a church that we are running then we might as well pack it in.

Margaret Bradnum is Ministerial Training Officer and Warden of Readers in Wakefield Diocese.

KNITTING FOR THE NEEDY

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY is inviting individuals or groups to join its national sponsored knit on October 5th. Using size 8 needles knitters are asked to cast on 20 stitches and then garter stitch for 2 hours. Sponsoring can be for each inch completed, and the strips will be sewn into blankets for sale through the Society's 100 shops. Rose bowls will be awarded to the individual and the group raising the most money. Runners up will receive vouchers.

The Children's Society supports 10,000 children, young people and families through 100 projects in England and Wales.

Sponsor forms are available from: The Children's Society, Room PK1, Edward Rudolf House, Margery Street, London WC1X 0JL.



CALLED TO MINISTRY?

Do you feel that you may have a call to ministry of some kind? We would like to provide an opportunity for such **young people** to meet together, share their ideas and experience and to learn what ministry can mean in its many forms.

If you are interested in starting such a "group" you are invited to St John's Rastrick on Saturday, 19th September at 7.00pm for a barbecue (weather permitting!), worship and a chance to say what you would like such a group to do. If you require transport or would like further details please contact –

The Rev David Miller, Hudd. 715889

The Rev Mike Hall, Hx 44705

The Rev David King, Wkd 371802/
Hudd. 863321

The Rev Tim Thornton, Wkd 255349/
Leeds 527856.

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WHAT'S ON IN AUGUST

- 8 **KIRKWOOD HOSPICE COFFEE MORNING** at Old Water Hall, Mirfield (near Fire Station on Hudds. Rd, Mirfield). 10am-12.30pm. Cakes, Bring & Buy, Books, Tombola etc.
- 8 **SCHOLES SUMMER SECOND HAND SALE.** Household goods, furniture, jewellery, ornaments, garden & kitchen tools, books etc. No clothes. Goods needed. 10am-4pm at Scholes Church Hall, Cleckheaton. Refreshments all day.
- 21-24 **FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS** at St Bartholomew's Church, Meltham. Fri & Sat 10am-7pm. Sun 11am-4pm. Mon 10am-4pm. Lunches, teas, light refreshments.
- 29-31 **FESTIVAL OF KNEELERS** at Heptonstall Parish Church. Locally designed and worked. 10am-6pm. Refreshments.

MUSIC IN AUGUST

- 11-21 **SUMMER ORGAN CONSERVATOIRE** Piano & organ recitals at St Paul's Hall (Polytechnic) and Huddersfield Town Hall. Details from Hudds 22288 ext 2130.
- 21 **CHOIR CONCERT** in Meltham Parish Church, 7.30pm. £1 and 75p.
- 22 **BAND CONCERT** in Meltham Parish Church, 7.30pm. £1.50, £1 conc. Meltham & Meltham Mills Band.
- 22 **MANNEN MALE VOICE CHOIR**, 8pm at Heptonstall Parish Church. Special concert by visiting choir from Rendsburg West Germany as part of wider tour of Britain. Admission £2 by programme.

ORGAN RECITALS at Halifax Parish Church:

- 1 Ian Shaw (London), 7.15pm.
8 Philip Tordoff, 12 noon.
15 Julie Crosby, 7.15pm.
22 Margaret Whiteley, 12 noon.
29 Open Composite Recital, 12 noon.

COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER

- 12 **QUIET AFTERNOON** at St John's Uppertong, 1.45-4.30pm. Fellowship of Contemplative Prayer. Leader: Malcolm Tracey. Contact Sue Dawson, Hudds 687482.
- 15 **ORGAN RECITAL** at Hoylandswaine Church, on the newly rebuilt organ, by Jonathan Bielby. 7.30pm. Tickets £2.
- 17 **DIOCESAN CHURCH UNION FESTIVAL**, 7.45pm at St Giles' Pontefract. Preacher: Bishop of Whitby.

MARKET PLACE

CHOIR ROBES — Ladies' blue gowns, hats, white collars; Children's gowns, surplices; Boys' cassocks, black & red; Men's black cassocks & surplices. All in fair condition. Offers please to Rev John Myers, Todmorden 3604, or Mrs Rogers, Tod 6396.

1928 SHORTER PRAYERBOOKS WANTED. Contact Canon John Lodge (Wfd 893089).

CONFERENCES

HEALING CHILDHOOD DAMAGE Day Conference at Halifax Parish Hall, Sat 17 October 10.30am-3.30pm, exploring ways of helping adults who have suffered different sorts of abuse as children. Main speakers: Dr Phil Holmes, GP from Sheffield; John Lacey, Psychotherapist with Family Care Centre, Leeds. Further details and booking forms from Ruth Calvin-Thomas (Brighouse 713386) or Eileen Turner (Wakefield 374213).

HEALING MINISTRY. Teaching weeks are held each year for Clergy and members of allied professions, including medicine, at Crowhurst, Sussex. Courses are also held for laity. Full details from The Director, The Old Rectory, Crowhurst, Nr Battle, E. Sussex TN33 9AD.

VACANCIES

VILLAGE CHURCH ORGANIST required for Kirkthorpe (two and a half miles east of Wakefield). HC 9.30(10) and Ev 6.30. Please contact Canon John Lodge (Wfd 893089).

BOOKS

PEACE TOGETHER: A Vision of Christian Pacifism, Editor: Clive Barrett. Paperback £3.95, published by James Clarke & Co. Ltd. A thought-provoking new book with different viewpoints from 17 leading figures in the Church.

INTERCESSIONS AT THE EUCHARIST, by Raymond Chapman. £2 by Mowbray. Designed for those leading intercessions at the Eucharist, the booklet covers main Festivals, Seasons, Weekly Themes for the Church and the world, and prayers for the Community, the Suffering, and the Departed.

MOWBRAY BOOKLETS — Comfort and Hope, by William Purcell, 65p. A booklet to give to those in sorrow. Learning about Jehovah's Witnesses, by Canon Dr Maurice Burrell, 75p.

YES TO LIFE — *In Search of the Kingdom Community*, by David Clark. A Fount Original, £2.95. David Clark draws on personal experiences as a Methodist minister in Sheffield and London. He gives special attention to the potential of the Christian community movement. A down-to-earth, immensely hopeful book — personal, passionate, and prophetic.

Jenny is also a member of Pontefract Flower Club and finds flower arranging wonderful relaxation, though, as I've already said, there are really just not enough hours in the day to do all she would like.

It's quite on the cards that Ron will get another move. It could be to anywhere and the thought of moving doesn't worry Jenny unduly. However, I don't know how St. Cuthbert's would be able to replace such an efficient treasurer as we have in her - let's hope we don't have to!

C.J.D.

**Holidaymakers, Company Executives, Immigrants,
and Jetsetters are just part of the amazing moving
congregation at Heathrow ...**

AIRPORT '87



AIRPORTS are for holidays, excitement, new adventures, aren't they? But sometimes they stand for sad partings, emergency trips, sudden bereavement, the trauma of immigration or the mixed feelings about emigration.

Often they are part of a particularly hectic side of working life. And often they are the scene for severe stress in themselves. If you think you're alone with a fear of the 'unnatural' act of flying - think again!

Enormous numbers of people find their hearts beat faster, they need a duty-free drink, or three ... Many of them hide their real fear, but you can see it in the tightly clenched hands!

All these are good reasons for having chaplains and a chapel on site in airports. That opposite Car Park No. 2 at Heathrow, the world's busiest international airport, is no exception.

When you are faced with issues of life and death, or fears of meeting your Maker, you can be very glad to find a Christian chapel even if you don't usually seek out a church.

EVER CHANGING

But most of the 31 million passengers a year are quite unaware there is a chapel at the airport, says Brian Laycock, one of the two full-time and two part-time chaplains from the main denominations kept at full stretch by an ever changing 'parish' who do know!

Of course, the 47,000 workforce know the chaplains much better, and they find a lot of their work is with the staff. They are constantly out and about, in canteens, terminal buildings - wherever cleaners, engineers, flight crew or passengers are to be found.

The Chapel, known officially as the inter-denominational Church of St. George, Heathrow, has a regular programme. Harry Burlton takes Anglican services on Sundays and Wednesdays. The Catholics have daily services with four masses on Sundays. Walter Hargreaves-Wragg of the Free Church Federal Council and Capt. Fred Hoyle of the Salvation Army also arrange regular gatherings for worship. Denominational niceties can fade a bit. There's a distinct emphasis on

There's much more than formal services, in working as chaplains
with the many thousands of individual people with their own personal
problems who every day make up the vast complex that is Headrow.

International travel brings its practical and emotional crises - and
often the one turns into the other.

GILL WOODWARD

CONFIRMATION 1988

Confirmation classes will begin in the Autumn. I should be pleased
to hear from adults and young people who wish to be confirmed.

WEBB IVORY

We now have the Catalogues for Christmas, and would be pleased to hear
from anyone who would like to order cards or gifts from this, to
support our funds. We receive 25% on cards and 10% on gifts.

Please ring me on 795463 or call at 48 Pontefract Road if you would
like to see a Catalogue.

M. BARROW

ANIMAL CHRISTIAN CONCERN

Animal Christian Concern is an ecumenical movement, formed in 1985,
to express concern at such sophisticated cruelties as gratuitous
animal experimentation, intensive farming, the fur trade and
wild sports. ACC calls for a more responsible Christian stewardship
of God's animal creation.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th at 2.15 p.m., ACC will hold a Service for
Animal Welfare at YORK MINSTER. This will be conducted by ACC
Anglican Patron, Very Revd. John Southgate, Dean of York.

ACC would be grateful for your prayers and support and all are
welcome at this service.

Enquiries to ACC, 46 St. Margaret's Road, Horsforth, Leeds, LS18 5BG

LAUGHLINES

THE ELDERLY PARISHIONER stood on the church steps, thanking the vicar.
"It was a wonderful sermon you preached today" she said, "Everything
I said applied to somebody or other I know."

THE MOTHERS' UNION

August 5th 9.15 a.m. Corporate Communion, All Saints' Church.
August 18th Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy Stall at 27 Orchard Drive, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. All welcome.

There will be no monthly Service and Meeting in August.

KITTY COOPER

THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

June 28th Rachel Marian Julia Jackson, Almere, Netherlands.
June 28th Benjamin Thomas Sutton, 6, College Terrace.

Holy Matrimony

June 6th David Lawrence and Jill Tracy Myers.
June 6th Simon Russell Akeroyd and Tracey Victoria Hoyle.
June 25th Paul Hamilton Hope and Rachel Theresa Smees
June 27th Mark Andrew Taylor and Susan Claire Barrett.

Christian Burial

June 8th George Arthur Kirkbride, aged 77 years.

ST. CUTHBERT'S FLOWER ROTA

August 2nd	Miss J. Wilson	August 23rd	Mrs. Barnard
August 9th	Mrs. M. Jenks	August 30th	Mrs. J. Mackey.
August 16th	Miss D. Crossley		

ALL SAINTS' FLOWER ROTA

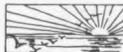
August 2nd	Mrs. Upright	August 23rd	E.M. Smith and
August 9th	Mrs. Turton		M. Walker.
August 16th	Mrs. Hogg	August 30th	Vacant.

BRASS CLEANING ROTA

Mrs. A. Arundel.

Copy for the September magazine should be handed to the Rector by Sunday, 2nd August.

**GOING ABROAD
ON HOLIDAY?**



GO in a spirit of humility, wonder at the richness and variety of God's creation, and it may be that you are a tourist who discovers the reality of 're-creation'

