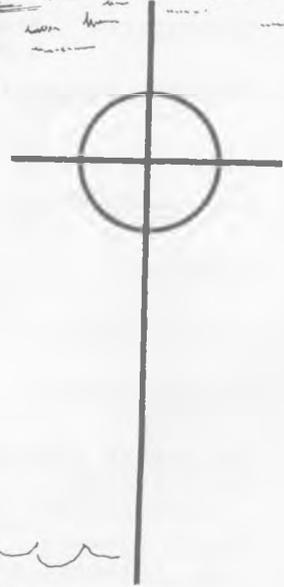




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RECTOR'S NOTES

The PCC is planning a number of changes at both St. Cuthbert's and All Saints' Churches. Application has been made for permission to tidy up the entrance to St. Cuthbert's Church near the font. It is proposed to remove the pews between the door and the font, and to carpet that area. A book case will be installed for service books, and for a small library of books which may be borrowed by church members. These will be books on the Christian faith, prayer, the Bible, biographies of well known Christians etc. In addition a desk for the parish Book of Remembrance will be placed near the font. Removing the pews, and installing a book case will allow sidesmen more space, and will ease their task of welcoming people coming to church.

The other major change planned at St. Cuthbert's is to move the side altar from the north aisle to the south aisle, where at present pews face a blank wall. This will allow the use of an unused corner of the church, and will allow access to the vestry through the arch at present blocked by a curtain. The pulpit will be moved back to its original position where the lectern now stands. Most of the money for these alterations will come from an anonymous gift of £1000, donated during the interregnum, and from the collection at the funeral service of the late Mrs. Alice Hurst.

At All Saints' Church it is proposed to remove a small number of pews at the back of the church, in order to create a small meeting area. It is hoped that this area will also be carpeted. Further donations towards the costs of these two projects would be welcomed.

Easter is much later this year, and Ash Wednesday is on 4th March. Lent is a time of preparation for the most important Christian festival of the year, and is an opportunity for us to think seriously about our faith and what it means to us. As is traditional in most parishes we shall be having a Lent study course for five weeks, this time looking at the subject of prayer. Further details will be given in church.

I recently came across a document entitled 'A Short Guide to the Duties of Church Membership, as Authorised by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York'. The word 'duty' seems to have gone out of fashion these days, however the guide is published in this edition of the magazine for your study. Perhaps we could try to put these suggestions into practice in our own lives?

I hope to establish a small Confirmation group for adults in the near future. If a group is established the confirmation will take place at a neighbouring church this year. The group will discuss questions of Christian belief and practice. It will be open to any who wish to explore the possibility of confirmation, and for any who may wish to be received into the Church of England from other denominations. Please contact me as soon as possible if you are interested.

Many of you will remember Philip and Elizabeth Bourne. Two years ago they left Ackworth to go to Durham, where Philip has been studying at theological college for the ministry. Philip's course ends in June of this year. I have recently heard that Philip has accepted the post of curate at Gildersome Parish Church, and the Bournes will move there in summer. We wish Philip, Elizabeth and Tom every happiness in their new parish. I hope that you will remember them in your prayers.

Peter Moorhouse.

Short Guide to the Duties of Church Membership

Authorised by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York

All baptised and confirmed members of the Church must play their full part in its life and witness. That you may fulfil this duty we call upon you:

To follow the example of Christ in home and daily life, and to bear personal witness to him.

To be regular in private prayer day by day.

To read the Bible carefully.

To come to church every Sunday.

To receive the Holy Communion faithfully and regularly.

To give personal service to Church, neighbours and community.

To give money for the work of the parish and diocese and for the work of the Church at home and overseas.

To uphold the standard of marriage entrusted by Christ to his Church.

To care that children are brought up to love and serve the Lord.

TIME TO THINK ABOUT THE OLD AND COLD

"O LORD, support us all the day long of this troublous life, until the shades lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and 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 . . . "



So runs a popular prayer. It breathes the slower pace of old age; but for many it expresses also some of the depression that is part of growing old.

SEE-LINK

NEWS FROM WAKEFIELD DIOCESE

FEBRUARY 1987

ALL IS SAFELY GATHERED IN . .

Well, nearly all. When John Roch, Diocesan Secretary, closed the account books for 1986 he found that more than 97% of Parish Share had been received. This represents an improvement on 1985 when only 95% of Parish Share had been received at the year end. Bishop David is reported as having an extra spring in his step and an even broader grin because of the good news. **'We genuinely appreciate the effort people are making to pay their Parish Share'**, he said.

MIXENDEN PREDICTS . . .

IN JANUARY 'CONTACT', Mixenden's Parish Magazine, predictions were made for each month of 1987, including these . . .

APRIL - Due to the success of Shared Ministry it is proposed at the P.C.C. that the church should run as an autonomous collective. Vicar for the week to be chosen by dipping names out of a hat, and the incumbent's wage divided among the P.C.C. One person votes against.

AUGUST - Playgroup trip to Blackpool. The church acquires an enormous new steeple. Blackpool Council sue.

OCTOBER - Magazine comes out on time.

A LENT COURSE FROM YTV

ON SUNDAY MORNINGS in Lent 1987 Yorkshire TV will be transmitting a series of services to be seen throughout the country. These acts of worship will be built around themes with distinguished speakers. Canon David Ford of Ripon will lead the services and the presenter will be Michele Guinness, author and broadcaster, of Normanton. The speakers ponder the basic Christian themes suggested by the Sunday readings for Lent:

Dr Charles Elliott, former Director of Christian Aid, speaks on **'Temptation'**. The Revd Ray Rossiter, survivor of the 'Burma Road', on **'Doubt'**.

Abbot Patrick Barry of Ampleforth, on **'Entering the Kingdom'**.

Canon W H Vanstone of Chester Cathedral, on **'The Promise of the Kingdom'**.

Father Bill Broderick, a Jesuit from North Wales, on **'Prayer'**, and Professor Frances Young, mother of a handicapped child, on **'Suffering'**.

The whole series could well be regarded as a study course in Christian spiritual teaching, providing a solid foundation for mission. 45% of homes now have a video recorder. Church groups planning their Lenten exercises may like to keep the YTV series in mind

MEDIA DAY

'TASTE & DECENCY' is the theme of a Media Day being organised for April 9th by the Mothers' Union in Wakefield Diocese. Open to the general public, the day will include sessions on newspapers, radio, and television, with speakers from each media. Unity Hall,

Wakefield, is the venue - 10am to 3pm. Tickets are £1 (includes Coffee, morning and lunchtime) from Deanery Representatives or Mrs Angela Byram, 1 Elsinore Avenue, Elland HX5 0QB (0422 73908).

'BREAD NOT STONES'

by John Allen, Provost of Wakefield.

'FAITH IN THE CITY' has as an Appendix a form of Audit for the Local Church. The authors suggested that this should form the basis for adaptation and development according to local situations. Some months ago the Bishop asked me to try and develop an Audit Scheme for the Diocese of Wakefield. **'Bread Not Stones' is the result.**

It is important that those who use it should want to do it and should look forward to changes in the life of their Parish as a result. Any Parish can take part. The more people who are involved the better it will be, but a small group of half a dozen or so would be able to do a very great deal.

One or two things which 'Bread Not Stones' is not: It is not an attempt from 'on high' to inspect what is going on in your parish, nor an attempt by experts to tell you in the parish what to do. It will not fill your Church nor will it preach the Gospel for you. But it will help you to earth your mission in the needs of the parish. It depends entirely on the energies and enthusiasm of the people in the Parish. I hope that they will feel that they are being invited to take charge of their own mission in their own place.

There are three stages. Firstly, in the summer of 1987, six weeks are spent taking a detailed look at your Parish:-

1. Who lives in the Parish?
2. What are the employment opportunities?
3. What is the Parish like, as a place to live?
4. What about the congregation?
5. What do people think, want, need?
6. Who are our Allies?

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WAKEFIELD DIOCESAN CENTENARY

CENTENARY NEWS . . . CENTENARY NEWS . . . CENTENARY NEWS . . .

In the Autumn, spend six weeks considering what you have learnt, and how to respond to the needs you have uncovered and the opportunities they offer?

Finally, in Centenary Year 1988, decide on

- One thing to do now
- One thing to start in 12 months time
- One thing to campaign for
- One thing to stop doing

Obviously it is easier to look at your own parish if you have help from other people. There will be a number of consultants available in each Deanery. There are people in Churches of different denominations within your parish. Also your fellow Christians in neighbouring parishes whom you may wish to ask. The task of an outsider is only to bring fresh eyes to help you look at your own situation. They will not come in unless you ask them.

At the end Parishes will be invited to share their discoveries and their decisions with the rest of their Deanery in a Centenary Deanery Festival. The decisions Parishes have made will form the basis for Diocesan Conference of Clergy and Laity at Lancaster in September 1988. That way, our planning for the Nineties will be firmly rooted in the needs and aspirations of the parishes.

'BREAD NOT STONES' GOES UP THE JUNCTION

by Roy Clements, Vicar of Horbury Junction, and Diocesan Communications Officer.

THEY TOLD ME to make a simple, home-spun video to help you to see what it's like to take a long hard look at your parish - to do a 'Parish Profile'. Before long you can see that video for yourself.

In order to make it, we at Horbury Junction had to do our own "Parish Profile", something like what they advised in "Faith in the City" - an in-depth study of what your community contains. I can't pretend we did all there is to do - we needed a lot more time than we had, so there's more yet to do. We shall probably only catch up properly when you're doing yours next year!

But we have already done enough to make the film and to convince me of a few basic points:

(1) Studying our parish area is, as the book said, "a good thing". Although we all think we know our area, when it comes right down to it, we don't. In any case, places change and we need to look again.

(2) It's a simple task and EVERYONE can get involved, whatever their age. But it isn't a task you can rush. There's a lot to do if you're going to do it well.

(3) The leadership is something lay members can definitely take on. Who is there who knows the area better than the people who live there? And it's a job for which you don't need a degree in theology?

(4) EVERYBODY will learn a lot - partly because everybody can do something, and partly because you can display the results so that people can stand and stare at them.

(5) You can create a sense of energy within the congregation by doing such a study. People can feel enthusiastic, partly because they can find something they really can do and partly because you give them a big chance to speak their own mind . . . and out of all that people could discover a sense of mission.

(6) And yes - I think it can be fun as well. People can work and meet together without any of the heaviness of some meetings.

(7) From my experience so far, I believe what the Bishop tells us in the video - that you can't go anywhere until you know where you are. That's the top and bottom of it.

All in all, if we all had a crack at it, I think this Diocese (and therefore all our parishes) could shift a gear.



WHAT'S ON IN FEBRUARY

3-5,7 ROBINSON CRUSOE MEETS SINBAD, an original panto by Lynn Lord, presented by Elland Church Dramatic Society. In the Parochial Hall, Westgate, Elland, at 7.15pm with 2pm matinee on Sat 7th. Adults £1.50, children & OAPs £1. Tickets from Scotts Travel Elland; Angela Byram 73908; Marjorie Upton 78982.

6,7,13,14 SLEEPING BEAUTY, panto by St Andrew's, Bruntcliffe, in the Sunday School. 6th & 13th at 7.30pm. 7th & 14th at 2pm, 7.30pm. Adults £1, Children 50p. Ring Morley 532677 or 523783.

7 PLAINCHANT EVENSONG at St Thomas, Longroyd Bridge, Huddersfield. Following two successful Plainchant events, this will be a Solemn Evensong in English. Practice sessions 3.30-4.30pm, 5-6pm. Evensong at 6.30pm, followed by supper. £3 to cover expenses. Please wrap up warmly! More details from Sue Willington, Hudds 25387.

14 GLEDHOLT MALE VOICE CHOIR in concert at St John's Church, Rastrick, 7.30pm. Tickets £1.50, concessions £1 (includes refreshments).

19-21 RED RIDING HOOD by Byron Hall, presented by Todmorden Parish Players in the National School at 7.30pm. Adults £1.75, Children £1. Enquiries: Mrs Fieldsend, Tod 3029.

23-28 JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR, musical at Jesus the King, Battyeford, 7.30pm. Tickets from Mr G Broadhead, Batley 470454. £2.50 adults, £1.25 children & OAPs.

COMING UP

MAR 6-8 GLORY IN THE WILDERNESS, Northern Anglo-Catholic Charismatic Convention at Crawshawbooth, Rossendale, Lancs. Speaker: Fr James Naters. Cost £32 (deposit £10). Booking forms from Mrs M Ashworth, St Bede's Vicarage, 92 Normanby St, Morris Green, Bolton BL3 3QR.

MAR 20 KINGDOM COME presented by Theatre Roundabout at St Paul's, Monk Bretton, Barnsley, 7.30pm. Tickets £1 and £1.50. Ring Barnsley 205393 or 203159.

MAR 28 DAY OF PRAYER & MEDITATION, to be led by Jeanne Pullin, at St Augustine's Centre, Halifax, 10am-4pm. Ideal for men and women suffering from stress. Booking form & details from Mrs Jeanne Pullin, Church House, 1 South Parade, Wakefield WF1 1LP. SAE please.

ARE YOU A CAR DRIVER? Then please help needy youngsters by making occasional collections of donated goods in your parish, and delivering to The Children's Society Shop in Silver Street, Wakefield. Offers of help please to Isma Raw, 17 Yew Tree Crescent, Bradford BD8 0AG (0274 41074).

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PALM CROSSES FROM ZULULAND. The sum raised in 1986 was £8,300 for the people of Nongoma who make the palm crosses. 1987 prices ... £4 per 100 (including postage). Cash with order, please, to the Rev J A Hawkins (Palm Crosses), Emmanuel Church, Weston Favell Centre, Northampton NN3 4JR.

VACANCIES

WANTED, an electronic keyboards & piano player to join a church music group of a charismatic church, to play at main Sunday service 10am with one rehearsal per week. Interested? Then why not call me — the Revd John Starr, Lupset Vicarage, Broadway, Wakefield WF2 8AA (373088)? Look forward to hearing from you.

STILL TIME to enter your boy for the *Cathedral Choir. Applications for Choral Scholarships (tenable at Queen Elizabeth Grammar School) as soon as possible. Entrance exam 27 February. Voice trial 7 March. Age 7-9 years. Apply: Headmaster, Junior School, QEGS, Wakefield.*

PEOPLE AND PLACES

The Rev Dr STEVEN CROFT, Assistant Curate of St Andrew, Enfield, in London Diocese, is to be Vicar of St George, Ovenden.

The Rev STEVEN MITCHELL, Assistant Curate of St George, Ovenden, is to be Vicar of Gawthorpe with Chickenley Heath.

Deaconess MARGARET BRADNUM has been appointed Warden of Readers in the Diocese.

The Rev ERIC FORD, Priest-in-Charge of Hightown, has been made Vicar of the parish.

The Rev ANDREW HINDLEY, Priest-in-Charge of Holmfild in the North Halifax Group Ministry, has been made Vicar of the parish.

The Rev DAVID MILLER, Assistant Curate of Monk Bretton, is to be Vicar of St John, Rastrick.

The Rev ROGER STOKES, Assistant Chaplain at Wakefield Prison, is to be Chaplain to H.M. Prison, Full Sutton, near York.

The Rev EDWARD SCOTT, who recently retired as Residential Canon of Wakefield Cathedral is to be Canon Emeritus.

On the whole, we don't like to think of our own old age, sometimes our way of avoiding this is to ignore others who are old.

For the last three decades or more we have lived in a youth culture; the media has idealised youth. To some extent, life has always belonged to the young and vigorous - especially in societies on the move where people think more highly of progress than experience.

GROWING

Yet the elderly are a growing proportion of our population. By 1995 there will be half a million more pensioners; even more startling, the numbers of those aged over 84 will increase by almost half during the 1980s. This growth is largely attributable, says Help the Aged, to the 'Victorian baby boom which saw a combination of large families and rapidly falling infant mortality rates.'

With shorter working lives, by the time most of us reach pensionable age, we are told, there could be too few people working to support us all. There is, indeed, anxiety attached to ageing. Yet it may not be difficult to make a difference to our neighbours lives, by just a little thought.

In the depths of winter what makes the difference is warmth. Help the Aged has brought out a leaflet advising old people how they can help themselves.

It includes hints on retaining body heat, insulation and draught-proofing, effective use of heating - and dealing with paying the bills! Make sure your elderly neighbours have a copy, and keep one yourself for reference. They are free from Help the Aged, 16 St. James' Walk, London ECl.

CHURCHES

We are used to hearing that 'the churches are full of old people'. But in fact the statistics show a different picture. There are above the average number of both children and pensioners in the churches, but the percentages are not great.

As 'Old Father Time' clocks us all for another year we need to make a special effort to keep in touch with old people who can't get out during the winter months. Let them know that though we may miss seeing them at church they are still an important part of our Christian family. And when they can come give them a specially warm welcome.

G.W.

WEBB IVORY

The profit from the sale of Webb Ivory cards and gifts for 1986 amounted to £420 for Church funds.

I would like to thank everyone who helped to make this possible and to say that I will have a new selection of cards and gift paper in January.

Margaret Barrow.

YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT?

TODAY MANY PEOPLE are as unfit spiritually as they are physically. In the Old Testament (and quoted by Jesus) is the saying "Man cannot live on bread alone, but needs every word that God speaks."



Some people think that they can still live on the nourishment of their parents spirituality. Others put their trust in junk food of sentiment and superstition.

In order to grow healthy spiritually we need to read the Bible to obtain our daily intake of God's word. Jesus is God's word in its most suitable form for us. He is definitely our wholemeal bread of life! Our spiritual "exercise" is when we talk with God through prayer and worship. So of course we should keep "regular" in our church attendance, too!

Adapted from an item
by STEPHEN HOBSON.

MARRIAGE LINES



SOME CYNICS might think that there are more 'rules' and advice given for having a good marriage than there are good marriages! But these suggestions that appeared in Family magazine are at least worth thinking about - together!

1. Don't assume that you know your partner so well that you don't need to listen to them any more.
2. Take time - make time to be together with no-one else around.
3. Learn how to listen properly; use eyes and posture and touch to show that you are interested.
4. Be prepared to hear about your partner's weaknesses without producing an automatically judgemental reaction.
5. Ask God to give you back the vital spark of curiosity and interest in the person you live with.

"QUOTES"

"I don't know the origin of the expression 'a holy terror' but it is one my mother often used and I reserve it mentally for those children who drive you up the wall, and then fetch you down with an angelic smile."

- HELEN CALDWELL.
Pre-School Playgroups Association.

THE MOTHERS' UNION

February 4th 9.15 am Corporate Communion. All Saints' Church.
10.15 am Deanery Quiet Hour at St. Giles Church,
Pontefract.
February 11th 7.15 pm Women's World Day of Prayer Committee
at 27 Orchard Drive
February 26th 2.30 pm Service and Meeting in the Social
Centre Room.

The Tribute money, £2.20 for the year, is now due. The Annual Subscription for "Home and Family" is £1.52.

Advance Notice

March 6th 7.15 pm Women's World Day of Prayer Service at
St. Cuthbert's Church.
Kitty Cooper.

THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

December 28th Lisa Hirst, 17 Victoria Street.
December 28th Andrew John Robinson, 16 Beverley Garth.

Christian Burial

December 17th Mary Holland, aged 42 years.
December 18th Violet North, aged 74 years.
January 2nd Beatrice Emily Sykes, aged 78 years.
January 6th Sydney Stollard, aged 78 years.

All Saints' Flower Rota

February 1 - February 15 E.M. Smith
February 8 Mrs. Hardy February 22 -

St. Cuthbert's Flower Rota

February 1 Mrs. J.D. Smith February 15 Mrs. Utting
February 8 Mrs. Barran February 22 Mrs. Kirk

Brass Cleaning Rota

Mrs. McWilliam.

Copy for the March magazine should be handed to the Rector by Sunday, 1st February.

F E B R U A R Y

SUNDAY SERVICES

St Cuthbert's : 10.15 am The Parish Communion
All Saints' : 8.30 pm Holy Communion (2nd Sunday, 1662 Prayer Book)
 6.30 pm Evensong
Sunday School : 10.00 am in the Mission Room

DAILY SERVICES (St Cuthbert's)

Monday-Thursday: 7.30 am Mattins; 7.00 pm Evensong.
Saturday: Evensong and Preparation for the Eucharist 6.45 pm.

Guide Parade and Family Communion is on the 2nd Sunday in the month.
Baptisms normally take place at the 10.15 am Parish Communion on the 4th Sunday in the month.

Ministry to the Sick. Please inform the Rector of anyone who is in hospital or very ill at home.

Enquiries about Baptisms, Marriages and Banns. The Rector is normally available every Tuesday evening between 7.30 and 8 pm at the Rectory. Please telephone beforehand to arrange an appointment.

1st EPIPHANY 4

Readings: 1Corinthians 3.10-17 (Mrs D White); John 2.13-22. ASB 477.
7 pm Ackworth Fellowship of Churches United Service,
The Meeting House, Ackworth School.
NB No Evensong at All Saints'

2nd Mon. THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE
6.45 pm Holy Communion, The Howard School
7.30 pm PCC, The Howard School.

3rd Tues. 9.15 am Holy Communion (SC)
2.00 pm Service for Mothers and Toddlers (AS)

4th Wed. 9.15 am Holy Communion (AS)

8th EPIPHANY 5

Readings: 1Cor.3.18-end (Mr R C Tanswell); Matt.12.38-42. ASB 482.

10th Tues. 9.15 am Holy Communion (SC)

11th Wed. 9.15 am Holy Communion (AS)

15th NINTH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER

Readings: 1Cor.4.8-13 (Mrs K Lunt); Matt.5.1-12. ASB 486.

16th Mon. 7.30 pm Baptism Preparation (SC)

17th Tues. 9.15 am Holy Communion (SC)
2.00 pm Service for Mothers and Toddlers (AS)

18th Wed. 9.15 am Holy Communion (AS)
7.45 pm Parish Women's Group, the Rectory.

22nd EIGHTH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER

Readings: James 5.13-16a (Mr J Kidson); Mark 2.1-12 ASB 491.

24th Tues. 9.15 am Holy Communion (SC)

25th Wed. 9.15 am Holy Communion (AS)

26th Thurs. 2.30 pm Mothers' Union, The Social Centre, High Ackwo. h

28th Sat. 7.30 pm Ackworth Concert Society, Ackworth School.

MARCH

1st SEVENTH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER

Readings: Philemon 1.1-16 (Mr J Dearnley); Mark 2.13-17. ASB 491.